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LACK OF FUNDS.

HANKOW GOVERNMENT NEAR COLLAPSE.

SWATOW DANGER.

HELP SENT TO THE ANTI-RED TROOPS.

The latest wireless messages received by the Hong Kong naval authorities indicate that the Hankow Government is expected to collapse owing to lack of funds.

The Communist forces are advancing on Swatow with the avowed intention of setting fire to the port, but troops have been sent to help the anti-Reds.

REDS' LAST REFUGE.

Hankow Government's Fall Expected.

Hankow, May 5.
Lack of funds is expected to bring about the fall of the Hankow Government shortly.—British Naval Wireless.

Advance on Swatow.
Swatow, May 5.
The Communist forces are advancing on Swatow with the avowed intention of setting fire to it.—British Naval Wireless.

Help for Anti-Reds.
Amoy, May 5.
Troops have been despatched to the assistance of the anti-Reds in Swatow, otherwise the situation remains quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

MODERATES GAINING.

Fukien Forces Going to Their Assistance.

Cables to hand contradict yesterday's report that General Chiang Kai-shek's partisans have been defeated in Kiangsi province.

On the other hand, the report is confirmed that detachments are leaving Fukien province to reinforce the anti-Reds.

From Foochow, one division is moving northwards to Chekiang province while a smaller unit is going from Amoy southwards, ostensibly to help the Swatow authorities.

There are indications that General Chiang Kai-shek's cause is being strengthened on points further up the Yangtze River than Nanking.

Yangtze Successes.
According to the "Canton Gazette," it is admitted that three divisions of General Chiang Chien's 6th (Nationalist Army) have been disarmed, in the neighbourhood of Nanking, by the 1st Army under General Ho Ying-yam who was previously governor of Swatow. This points to the 6th Army being deemed to be on the side of the Hankow politicians and Communists.

One report says that a Moderate commander claims the capture of Kiangsi, the port of Kiangsi province and not far from Hankow.

Advance on Kiangsi.
The 15th and 35th Armies, under Chiang Kai-shek's orders, have advanced from Taiping to Wuhu. Taiping is about 50 miles higher up the Yangtze than Nanking (the Moderates' capital). Wuhu is another 25 miles further up. This report indicates that the Moderates are still advancing westwards on Hankow's territory.

The troops which left Foochow (on the coast of Fukien) are wheeling inland, with Nanchang as their final objective. Nanchang is the capital of Kiangsi province and a "Red" stronghold.

No Resistance.
A part of the 3rd Army under General Chu Pei-teh, which has been opposed to General Chiang Kai-shek, is stated to be retiring on Nanchang from the Yangtze River, without offering resistance to the Moderate vanguard.

No further movements of troops down the West River (to Canton) have been reported during the last two days. The forces sent up the North River by the Cantonese loyalists have been found sufficient to deal with the Red rising. News is to hand that the Moderate detachments have inflicted several defeats on the Extremists and the irregulars on the North River.

Swatow & Canton.
With regard to the Swatow situation, private advice hints at a rising of the "Man Kwan" on

the Kwangtung-Fukien frontier. These are semi-bandit adventurers, skilled in guerrilla warfare. At present they are treating with General Chiang Kai-shek's local subordinates and it is thought that, for the present, they will be on the anti-Red side.

Canton is quiet. From a report in the "Canton Gazette," it appears that Mr. T. V. Soong (Minister of Finance) is still favoured by General Chiang Kai-shek as his name is included in the latest list of Political Commissioners appointed by Nanking.

JAPAN'S POLICY.

Non-Interference but Full Co-operation.

Tokyo, May 5.
Replying to interpellations in the Lower House, the Premier stated that the Government intended to continue its non-intervention policy in China.

Questioned as to its attitude on the Nanking affair, the Premier while stressing the importance of co-operation with other Powers, replied that the Government was taking no other steps than those taken by his predecessor.—Reuter.

China's Spring Cleaning.

London, May 5.
At the annual meeting of the Church Missionary Society medical mission auxiliary in London, Dr. Duncan Main, who worked at Hankow hospital for forty-five years, said China was going in for a spring cleaning, but unfortunately was attacking the least important rooms. Missionaries were anxious that Chinese should stand on their own legs, and as soon as they could carry on the missions and hospitals, the missionaries would stand aside.—Reuter.

Borneo Chinese.

Batavia, May 5.
The activities of the Chinese in Samarinda, East Borneo, which are believed to be due to the influence of the Kuomintang, led the police to carry out domiciliary searches in the Chinese quarter. They seized documents and arrested two leaders whom the crowds tried to release.

The police fired killing ten and a further twenty-five, including natives, were wounded.—Reuter.

Foreign Minister.

Shanghai, May 5.
Dr. C. C. Wu has gone to Nanking to take up his post of Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

FIGHT AMONG INDIANS.

An Indian watchman employed at the Connaught Road branch office of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., was taken to the hospital yesterday suffering from a scalp wound alleged to have been received in the course of a fight with two other Indians.

YAUMATI BURGLARY.

A quantity of cigarettes, some clothing and \$180 in money was the haul made by a burglar who broke into a shop at No. 38, Bowlin Street, Yaumati, last night.

WEATHER FORECAST.

E. winds, moderate, generally overcast, some rain; the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow:
Temperature: 71°; humidity: 80°; wind: E.N.E.; force: force 5; weather: overcast.

DEBTS AND GOLF.

State Secretary's Game Interrupted.

REPLY TO THE BRITISH NOTE.

New York, May 5.
The Washington correspondents of the New York papers are outspoken in regard to the effect produced by the British Note.

The "Herald-Tribune" states that it has aroused more indignation and resentment in official circles than has been manifest for some time.

There is no doubt the President stands squarely behind Mr. Mellon's arguments.

The Treasury officials were so anxious to obtain the necessary authority from Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, the Secretary for State, for the issue of Mr. Mellon's rejoinder that they got in touch with him



at the fifteenth hole of the Chevy Chase Golf Course when he immediately approved publication.

Washington officials are chiefly surprised that the British Note was sent in order to answer a semi-private letter by Mr. Mellon.

Earlier Messages.

Washington, May 5.
Mr. Mellon however, in a lengthy statement, says that while the Treasury does not desire a controversy with Great Britain, it deems it its duty, in view of the British Note, to present the facts and explain differences. There follows a statement by Mr. Mellon, who says that in his communication to Dr. Hibben Great Britain was only mentioned as incidental to the general thesis. Mr. Kellogg adds that the figures in the British Note are apparently used in a technical accounting sense and this is the real cause of the apparent disagreement as regards the facts. He declares that the British Government now officially confirms the principal point made by Mr. Mellon in the letter to Dr. Hibben, namely, that at the beginning of September 1st, 1923, assuming that the French Debt Agreement were ratified it would receive from its own debtors and from Germany sums sufficient to cover the current payments due to the United States Government.—Reuter's American Service.

COLONIAL PROBATES

BRINGING THE F.M.S. INTO LINE.

London, May 5.
The House of Lords has passed the third reading of the Colonial Probates Bill which has not passed the House of Commons.—Reuter.
[A London cable dated April 28 stated: The House of Lords has passed the second reading of a Bill to enable the application of the Colonial Probates Act of 1892 to certain protected States and mandated territories by Order-in-Council. Viscount Cave, the Lord High Chancellor, moving the second reading, said the object was to avoid the trouble and expense of double probate. This already operated in the case of British protectorates, also Palestine. The federated Malay States had desired this for some years.]

HOLLAND'S DECISION

TAXING SUBJECTS LIVING ABROAD.

Amsterdam, May 5.
The Government has introduced a Bill ordering non-resident Netherlands to be assessed for income, property, death and defence taxes in the same way as resident Netherlands. State officials are exempt, also those whose business compels residence abroad, providing their business is their principal source of income. The Bill provides as a penalty the loss of nationality.—Reuter.

SOVIET PEEVED.

Annoyed at Geneva Treatment.

A THREAT TO WITHDRAW.

Moscow, May 5.

The official news agency states that Government circles are indignant over reports from the Soviet delegation to the Economic Conference at Geneva with regard to their alleged treatment, particularly the hampering effects due to police attentions.

The Soviet condemns these "unprecedented chicaneries and humiliating restrictions" as evidence of the insincerity of the League's invitation and has instructed M. Ossinsky, the Chairman of the delegation to demand a remedying of the complaints, otherwise the delegation will leave Geneva.

The demands comprise a request that the League agree with the Soviet chairman with regard to reasonable methods for protecting the delegation and abolition of the humiliating police measures which restrict the liberty of the delegation.

The Soviet demands further that the League assure the delegation of equal conditions with the other delegations with regard to its work and communication rights, also equal participation in conference debates.

The Soviet adds that it intends to reconsider the question of participation in League conferences, especially in Switzerland.—Reuter.

Labour Leader's Proposals.

Geneva, May 5.

At the economic conference, M. Jonaux, Secretary-General of the French Labour Confederation, submitted a resolution proposing the establishment of an autonomous economic organisation within the League of Nations consisting of an advisory conference appointed by the Government to meet at least once every three years, also the establishment of an international economic council of eighteen members, twelve of whom should be designated by the Council of the League and six by the International Labour Office.—Reuter.

RICSHA INCIDENT.

SCUFFLE NEAR PEAK TRAM STATION.

An Indian constable this morning charged Mr. P. S. Cassidy's ricksha coolie before Mr. Lindell with causing an obstruction outside the Peak Tram station, and with assault.

According to the Indian all the other coolies moved away when told to do so, but, accused refused. When witness pushed, accused away the latter struck him. A soldier had to help witness take accused to the station.

The soldier said he saw the Indian and the coolie struggling on the ground and he assisted the Indian. He could not say if there had been an obstruction before the scuffle started.

Defendant said the trouble started because the Indian behaved offensively towards him, and called two witnesses to corroborate. Mr. Lindell discharged the accused.

OUTSIDE COURT.

SMALL BOYS' PITCH AND TOSS.

Major C. Willson was yesterday morning disturbed by some Chinese boys making a noise outside his office at the Magistracy. He telephoned to the Chargeroom and a detective went out and arrested five youths.

This morning they were charged before the Magistrate with obstruction by playing "pitch and toss." Four of the boys pleaded "guilty," while the fifth said he was merely watching. He was discharged with a caution and the others were fined \$2 each.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on 15th May was 2/0 3/16.

FURTHER MISERY.

Heavy Rains Drench Flood Victims.

FRESH BREAKS IN THE LEVEES.

New Orleans, May 5.

Heavy rains are adding to the misery of the quarter of a million people made homeless by the floods, while over 45,000 inhabitants of the northern and central parishes of Louisiana are threatened with eviction from their homes by the formation of a great lake there, owing to breaches in the levees. Nearly half a million acres of rich cotton and sugar lands are flooded and three million acres are flooded in Louisiana alone.—Reuter's American Service.

Exposed to the Elements.

New Orleans, May 5.

The flood refugees are huddled under strips of canvas spread from the branches of trees or crowded into tents. Others are travelling in motor cars, on mules or afoot by all roads in central Louisiana to safety. But a worse case is those who, having followed the highway as far as possible, now crouch on the tops of the levees, exposed to the rage of the elements, awaiting the coming of the relief boats.

Two New Breaks.

The levee has given way in two new places and millions of gallons of muddy water have been added to the stupendous flood sweeping over thirteen doomed counties.

Animals from the Slinger Game Reserve, driven out of their homes, are searching for the caches of food placed for them by agents of the Conservation Department.

Wild turkeys are so tame owing to hunger that they now gather on the very edge of the refugee camps.—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier Messages.

New York, May 5.

Although the majority of the inhabitants of the threatened parishes fled before the approach of the flood, the community of "water-dwellers" remains.

The angry floods hold no terror for these trappers whose homes are mostly built on raised platforms on the marshy banks of a myriad of small backwaters which flood annually. They have refused to leave and every family has from one to a dozen "pirogues" (small canoe-like boats) also small "shanty-boats" wherein they live during the season.

These have now become the only homes of many residents who will use the "pirogues" to transport supplies.—Reuter.

TWIN BABIES.

STORY OF NOVEL CONFIDENCE TRICK.

A novel confidence trick was worked by a Chinese on an old woman on Wednesday. According to her, he told a story about his employer, who was 80 years of age, having become the father of twin babies. He was so happy that he had given a sum of \$8,000 to be distributed amongst the poor. He suggested the woman's was a worthy case and offered to try to get \$20 for her. They went to Bonham Street where he left her on the road and went away "to see the secretary." The man returned and said the secretary wanted \$2 "ten money." The old woman suggested that he should take it from the \$20 and pay \$18 to her. This did not stump the man for he said all the notes were of \$10 each. Eventually the old woman parted with 70 cents, all the money she had. The man went away and again returned saying the master would give her \$30 if she would lend one of her coats to cover the twins with. He wished them to live to be her age. The old woman surrendered her coat. The man went away and did not return. Eventually the woman went from shop to shop enquiring if the master was an old man of 80 who had just become the father of twins. Everywhere she was laughed at and called mad. On her way home the old woman ran across a man at the Wing Lok wharf. She shouted at this man but he professed not to know her. When a policeman came up the man is alleged to have offered to "square" the old woman with \$120. She insisted on having him arrested as her coat was worth more.

Yesterday the arrested man was charged before Mr. F. F. Lindell as being the swindler and after the woman had told her story the case was adjourned until Saturday for the police to look into the accused's character.

Sub-Inspector Shafrin of the S.C.A. had charge of the case.

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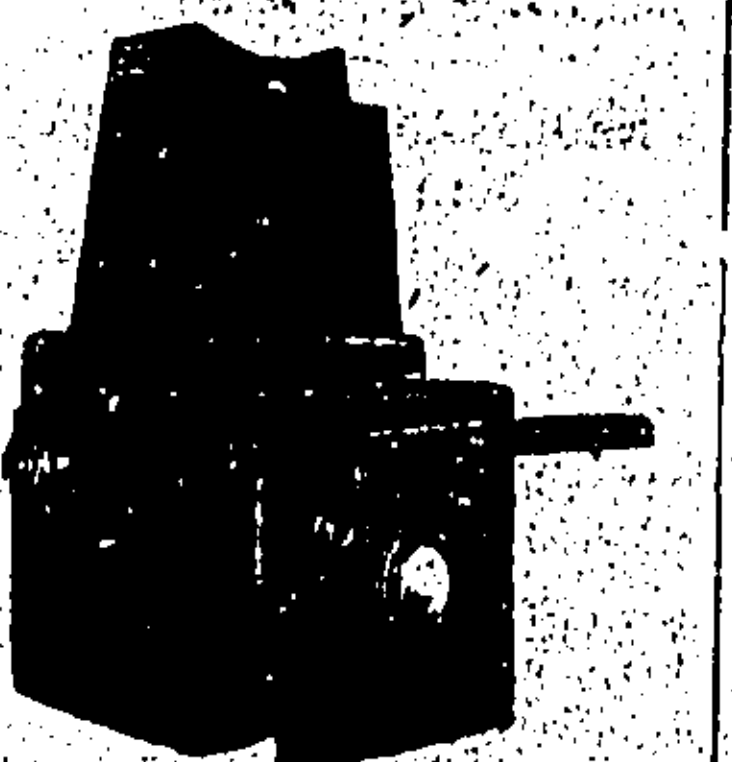
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Dated this 6th day of May, 1927.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, May 14th, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended December 31st, 1926; to confirm the appointment of Two Directors, and to elect Two Directors & Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, May 2nd, 1927.

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" 7	5.48	6.52
" 8	5.48	6.53
" 9	5.47	6.53
" 10	5.46	6.53
" 11	5.46	6.54
" 12	5.45	6.54
" 13	5.45	6.55
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" 16	5.43	6.56
" 17	5.43	6.56
" 18	5.42	6.57
" 19	5.42	6.57
" 20	5.41	6.58
" 21	5.41	6.58
" 22	5.41	6.59
" 23	5.41	7.00
" 24	5.40	7.00
" 25	5.40	7.00
" 26	5.40	7.01
" 27	5.40	7.01
" 28	5.39	7.02
" 29	5.39	7.02
" 30	5.39	7.02
" 31	5.39	7.03

NOTICES.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held on MONDAY, the 16th MAY, 1927, at 4 O'CLOCK in the CITY HALL, HONG KONG, to nominate a Member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council for the usual term of four years, in succession to the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. This nomination becomes necessary as the Hon. Mr. Bernard will in future remain a member of the Legislative Council as appointed by His Excellency the Governor.

Notice in writing of the Names of Candidates and their Proposers and Secondors to be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1927

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

SUBJECT to weather and ground conditions: FINAL of the OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, FRIDAY, 6th May. FINAL of the OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP, MONDAY, 9th May.

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THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 7th May, 1927, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m. The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, 6th May, 1927.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1927.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., No. 18, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on the 10th day of May next at 12 o'clock Noon for considering and, if thought fit, passing the sub-joined Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution.

That this meeting authorises the Directors to pay to the Executor of the late Sir Catchick Paul Chater, C.M.G., the "Managing Director's fees in suspense" shown in the Company's last Balance Sheet, which represent the proportion, calculated up to the date of his death, of the remuneration to which the deceased would have been entitled, if he had survived to the end of the year, under Article No. 95 (B) of the Articles of Association.

By Order of the Board of Directors
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th May, 1927, both days inclusive.

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VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

Orders for the week (issued to-day) for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps read as follows:—

Recruits Par. de.

All recruits of the Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, for Musketry Instruction.

Recruits of Infantry Company, etc., No. 1 Squad, parade direct at Kennedy Road Range with rifles at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, belt, braces and pouches, rifle and bayonet.

Signal Class.

Trained men of No. 4 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll. Dress: Mufti.

Casuals.

Musketry Part I will be fired at Peak Range on Sunday, May 8, at 9.30 a.m.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. T. A. Martin.

Men who have not fired Part I will fire on the above date.

Dress and arms are detailed for Infantry Company.

Artillery Co.

Parade will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, May 12, at 5.30 p.m., for Arms Drill. Dress: Mufti, belt and frog, rifle and bayonet.

Mounted Infantry Co.

Recruits will parade at Stables on Thursday, May 12, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

Armoured Car Co.

Machine gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, May 9. Dress: Mufti.

All N.C.O.'s will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Infantry Co.

On Fridays, May 6 and 13, at 5.30 p.m.: All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O.C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for special Machine Gun Instruction. This will be the commencement of a special N.C.O.'s course of training in Vickers Gun assembling every Friday at 5.30 p.m.

Musketry. Part I will be fired by the above Company at Stonecutters' Range on Sunday, May 8.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. H. Penn.

As this is the last Sunday allotted to this Company for Part I, all those who have not fired must endeavour to attend.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, belt, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken as the whole course must be fired in Drill Order, whether worn over uniform or mufti.

Arms: May be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, May 6, between 9 a.m. and noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, May 7, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Scottish Co.

Thursday, May 12, at 5.30 p.m.: No. 5, Platoon, Musketry Miniature Range, Tests 1 and 3.

No. 6 Platoon, Musketry Kennedy Road Range, Tests 4 and 6.

No. 7 Platoon, Musketry Headquarters, Tests 2 and 5.

Sunday, May 29

Stonecutters' Range will be at the disposal of the Scottish Company for the purpose of competing for the "Dyer Cup." Conditions will be circulated later. Members of the Company who have not yet fired Part I Musketry, are requested to fulfil that obligation as speedily as possible.

Portuguese Co.

The Portuguese Company will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, May 6, for Lewis Gun and Musketry Training. Dress: Mufti.

Reserve Co.

Musketry Part I will be fired at Stonecutters' Range on Sunday, May 15.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

Men who have not fired Part I will fire on Sunday, May 15.

Officers' Mess Meeting.

There will be a mess meeting at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, May 9. All available Officers will please attend.

Rifles.

Many members of the Corps are at present keeping their rifles in their own possession. This practice is contrary to Regulations.

Members are reminded that all rifles when not in use must be kept at Corps or Platoon Headquarters.

Those members of the Corps now in possession of rifles must return them without delay.

Strength.

The following are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1238 Pte. J. M. X. Souza, Corps Headquarters; No. 1239 Pte. L. F. Souza, Corps Headquarters; No. 1240 Pte. A. D. Wyllie, No. 7 Platoon; No. 1241 Pte. G. B. Hayes, No. 7 Platoon; No. 1242 Pte. C. E. Backhouse, M.I. Company.

Promotions.

The following promotions take effect from May 6:—

Artillery Company: L/Bdr. K. K. Staple, to be Bombardier.

A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

THE "OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

MURDER OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY & SON.

Meagre details have been cabled Home about the dastardly attack on a party of foreigners of the China Inland Mission at Yunnan and a Roman Catholic priest who was in the party.

Yunnan is a quarter from which this latest outrage is most unexpected.

A missionary was murdered with one of his children, his wife was stabbed, the other child is missing and a lady missionary has disappeared!

You will be performing a duty to yourself out here and to people at Home by telling them exactly what occurred, if only as an illustration of how anti-foreign agitation has reached the remotest corner of China.

This week's "Overland China Mail" contains an exclusive report of the incident. Send Home a full report of the outrage.

CASUALTIES ON BRITISH WARSHIPS.

Almost each day this week, there has been a despatch about casualties on British warships on the Yangtze River.

While acting as convoys to peaceful merchantmen, British and other non-Chinese bluejackets have been subjected to persistent fire.

To strengthen the hands of those who favour protection for British traders out here, put them in possession of the facts. Send them a copy of the "Overland" which we guarantee they will appreciate.

BEFORE SAYING GOODBYE.

Before saying goodbye to the Colony, whether you are leaving permanently or going on leave, do not forget to keep in touch.

Each week, the "Overland China Mail" serves as a link between "old China hands" and the Far East.

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THE SOVIET CHILD.

PROBLEM OF THE YOUNG CRIMINAL.

Terrible, but supported in detail by the statements of Soviet publicists is the picture of life in Soviet Russia which is given by Mr. Edouard Luboff in "A Red Year" (Anglo-Russian Press, 2s. 6d.), a record of Bolshevik activity in 1926.

Bad as conditions are, they promise to be worse:—The Soviet authorities are faced to face with the problem of an ever-increasing number of vagrant and criminal children, the majority of whom are suffering from infectious diseases. Many of these young offenders have been reared in self-governing and athletic child towns created in the early days of Bolshevism, but when these institutions were closed down on the ground that they were conducted on the most undesirable lines, the children were released on the community.

The Soviet authorities became alarmed, and a special commission, appointed to report on the problem declared that in Moscow alone the number of criminal children dealt with was 50,000.

An interesting chapter describes the training in special Eastern colleges of Bolshevik propagandists in China and the East.

A rigid examination is necessary before the candidate is accepted, and any association with the bourgeoisie destroys the applicant's chance of admission. Once admitted, he enters on a varied course, including Eastern languages, social economics, military tactics, revolutionary history, and the science of propaganda.

Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps on leaving the Colony:—

No. 1193 Gr. J. L. King, No. 822 Pte. T. B. Jones, No. 627 Gr. D. McH. Sherman, No. 730 Gr. G. W. Merrick, No. 497 Spr. W. S. Dixon, No. 789 Pte. E. A. Harlow, No. 651 Pte. H. K. Prosser, No. 873 Pte. J. R. F. Corley, No. 678 Pte. D. A. Rushton, No. 533 Pte. R. H. Norton, No. 296 L/Cpl. A. Mair, No. 842 Sgt. R. Bell, No. 1048 Pte. K. M. Logan, No. 1051 Dmr. G. Duncan, No. 870 Pte. N. J. Austin.

Struck Off.

No. 1124 Pte. A. A. S. Gutierrez, No. 10 Platoon, is struck off the strength of the Corps on medical grounds.

NOTICES.

Smoking Concert.

The annual smoking concert and presentation of prizes will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 9.15 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 1927.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance and that all prize-winners will make a point of being present and wear uniform with medals and decorations.

Tickets \$2 each (including refreshments) are obtainable at Volunteer Headquarters from the Officers' Mess, the Sergeants' Mess and the Canteen.

Engineer Co.

The annual dinner and presentation of shooting prizes will be held on Friday, May 6, at 8 p.m., at Volunteer Headquarters. Dress: Tunics, slacks and medals.

I recognize that in paying the magnificent sum of ten shillings a year I cannot expect to have the whole empyrean attuned to my particular tastes for twelve hours of the day.—Mr. A. G. Gardner.

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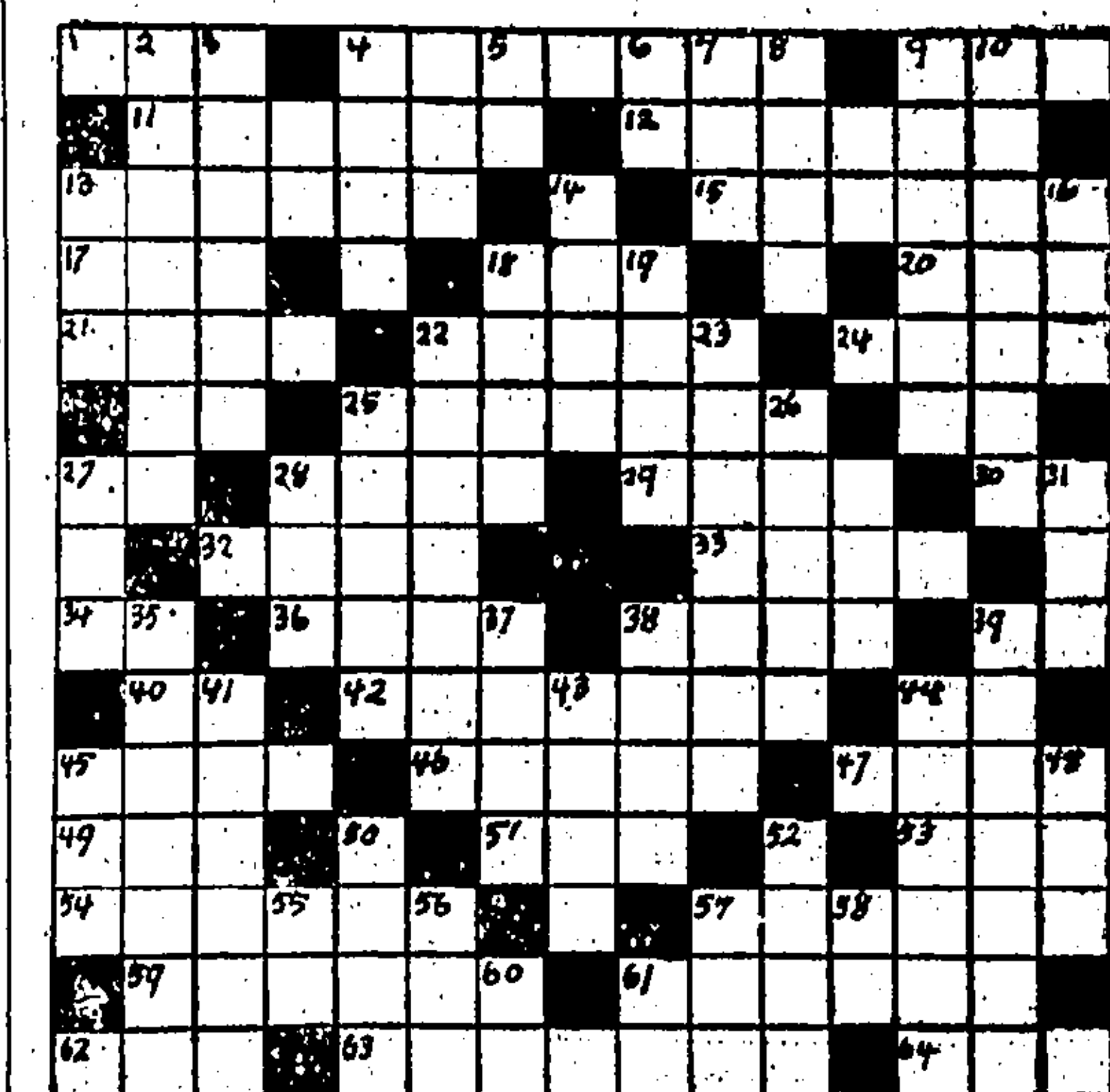
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10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
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- | Horizontal. | Vertical. |
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| 1. As. | 2. To make useful. |
| 3. A short piece of rope or line. | 3. Furnished With Aiales. |
| 4. To know. | 4. Poison. |
| 5. A fish of the shark kind. | 5. A word of denial. |
| 6. An eruption of the skin. | 6. An exclamation. |
| 7. To dissipate. | 7. Formed with a surface closely corded. |
| 8. A large antelope of South Africa. | 8. To haul. |
| 9. Crabbed. | 9. Welks or withers. |
| 10. Nothing. | 10. An introduction. |
| 11. Self. | 11. Performed. |
| 12. A deliberative convention. | 12. To wear out. |
| 13. Divisions. | 13. A spring. |
| 14. Hastily. | 14. To tear out. |
| 15. Elders. | 15. A wring. |
| 16. Compass point. | 16. Sixteenth of a yard. |
| 17. To line the top of. | 17. Unless. |
| 18. Petitions. | 18. Sovereigns. |
| 19. Printers' measure. | 19. To |

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"ANJOU" & "WING ON" CASE
FINDING.

OFFICERS AS "PASSENGERS."

"We are astounded at the manner in which the Master of the 'Anjou' (Capt. J. Webster) and the Chief Engineer of the same ship (Mr. J. W. McNaught) appeared to regard their respective duties," said the President of the Court of Inquiry (Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.) in giving the Court's finding yesterday regarding the collision off Wang Mun Creek on April 20 between the s.s. "Wing On" and the s.s. "Anjou."

The Court adjudged both masters (Capt. C. Mutton is the master of the "Wing On") to be censured, holding that Capt. Mutton underestimated his distance from the North Bank on turning under helm and approaching the North Bank, endeavouring to turn sharply. "The wind from the N.E. took hold of his bow and gave him a heavier swing than he was aware of. The swing he attempted to correct with his engines and caused him to assume, that the 'Anjou' was making sternway towards him. By this time the 'Anjou' had completed her turn to the East and was struck by the bows of the 'Wing On' on the stern in the fore and aft line.

"Having examined the stern of the 'Anjou' we have come to the conclusion that it was an end on blow and that the 'Anjou' had headway on at the time of impact. We are of opinion that the Master of the 'Wing On' was in error in that he being the overtaking ship came into collision with the stern of the ship ahead but we do not consider that this in any way exempts the master of the 'Anjou' from blame in that observing the 'Wing On' extremely close to his stern he took absolutely no precautions to avoid collision as he might

PASSENGER LIST.**ARRIVAL.**

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on May 5 by the "Tanda" from Australia via Sandakan included:- Mr. G. Bonham Carter, Mr. J. H. Lindsay, Mr. D. Kewick, Mr. H. Studholme, Rev. Scheule, Mr. and Mrs. Kwan Chee-ching, Miss Shult Wah, Mr. Arnot, Mr. C. Aris, Mr. and Mrs. Mezger, Mr. C. Mezger.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong by the "President Lincoln" for Manila on May 5 were:- Miss R. L. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Lino Hin-see, Mr. Liao Mee-zee, Mr. M. Kiratral, Mr. M. D. Adavni, Mr. K. Rupchand, Mr. S. Okazaki, Mr. T. Murata, Mr. T. Inai, Mr. K. Nakamura, Mr. J. Kiyomizu, Mr. L. Gonzales, Mrs. N. F. de Baitazur, Mrs. Leong Kock, Mrs. J. Jounen, Mr. Tan Kim-tuy, Mr. Lim Chun-tek, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith, Mr. G. Malig.

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have done by putting both his engines to full speed ahead. "We therefore adjudge both Capt. Mutton and Capt. Webster to be censured. We are astounded at the manner in which the Master and Chief Engineer of the 'Anjou' appeared to regard their respective duties. They appeared to be passengers in the ship and to take no interest whatever in their respective responsibilities. We therefore adjudge them both to be most severely reprimanded."

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Takliwa" will leave Amoy for this port this evening, and is due here to-morrow, at about noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Manila on May 1, at 8.30 a.m., leaves that port on May 7, at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on May 9, at 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on May 11.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 13	July 16	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
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SANDAKAN	Departure		Friday	May 6	5 a.m.
JESSELTON	Arrival		Friday	May 6	8 a.m.
HONG KONG	Departure		Saturday	May 7	Noon
	Arrival		Saturday	May 7	6 p.m.
	Departure		Sunday	May 8	5 a.m.
	Arrival		Monday	May 9	6 a.m.
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KALYAN	9,444	9th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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CAPITAL INCREASE FOR
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HAMBURG-AMERICA FLEET.

Hamburg, March 8.
At the meeting of the board of directors of the Hamburg-America Line, held to-day at Hamburg, it was unanimously decided to lay before the general meeting, which has been called for March 28, a proposal to increase the company's capital by M.30,000,000, thus bringing the total share capital up to M.160,000,000. With the new funds that will thus become available the company intends to embark upon an extensive building programme. Two new motor passenger ships of the Cleveland type of 17,000 tons each, and with a speed of 16 knots, are to be built, as well as six motor freight ships of 10,000 tons each, and six freight ships with a tonnage of from 5,500 to 6,000 each.

The two new motor liners, it is interesting to note, will be the first German motor passenger vessels to be specially built for the North Atlantic service. On this route the "Hapag" has hitherto had seven big passenger ships running, if one includes the New York, which is to start on her maiden trip on April 1. As soon as the two new liners are completed the company intends to withdraw the "Thuringia" and "Westphalia" from the North American route, two ships which were originally intended for another line, and which will now become available for the South America route, for which they are better adapted. With the completion of these 14 new vessels, the Hamburg-America Line will again possess a fleet of ships with a tonnage not far short of the pre-war figures, a most remarkable achievement within the short space of seven years. It has not yet been decided what yard the orders for the new tonnage will be placed. As it is desirable that the new orders shall benefit from the new Government subsidy, it will be necessary for the directors to come to a decision in this matter without delay.

Previous Capital Increases.

The proposed new increase of capital will be the third undertaken by the "Hapag" within the past nine months. The last increase of M.55,000,000 took place in November, 1926, and was made necessary by the fusion of the "Hapag" with the Austral and Kosmos Lines. The previous increase of capital took place in July of last year, and amounted to M.21,000,000, and was applied for the re-purchase of three ships from the United American Line under the Harriman agreement.

That the "Hapag" intended to increase its fleet of ships has been known for some time past. It is the natural corollary to the recovery of its former network of trade routes. Competition with the reinforced activities of the Nord Deutscher Lloyd has, of course, strongly influenced the directors in their decision. As will be remembered, the "Hapag" at the beginning of this year placed orders for ten new freight vessels, which were primarily intended to take the place of ageing tonnage, and not actually to increase the fleet. It is interesting, too, to note that the "Hapag," which before the war was the only German shipping company to employ really big liners, now, days, as is clear from the new building programme, has given up all idea of repeating this experiment, and, in contrast to the Nord Deutscher Lloyd, thinks it safer to confine itself to passenger vessels of medium size driven by motor power.

With regard to the freight steamers, too, the difference between the building policy of the "Hapag" and the Lloyd is manifest, as the former's programme contains no record ships of this class. The Hamburg company is, in other words, inclined to be very conservative and averse from risking experiments in untried fields.

"BLACK SWAN."

SINGAPORE YACHTS WORLD
CRUISE.

The yacht "Black Swan," which has been built at Singapore for Messrs. T. J. B. Wearne and C. F. F. Wearne, was taken out on trial by Captain Bainbridge, who will command her during her long cruise which will commence in the near future.

After a short run the vessel returned to the Harbour Board premises and every satisfaction was expressed with the way she behaved. When the vessel leaves Singapore on the first stages of the cruise, a visit will first be paid to Ball Buelling and then the run to Australia will follow. After calling at Western Australian ports the winter will be spent at Fremantle.

It is proposed to make a visit to the South Sea Islands about October and then the party cross the Pacific, sail through the Panama Canal and make for Cows. The Mediterranean will then be visited. It is expected that the voyage will last about eighteen months and the crew has been signed on for this period.

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Bangkok via Singapore	YUENSANG	Tues., 10th May, at 3 p.m.
T'au via Swatow & S'hai	MINGSANG	Wed., 11th May, at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Amoy & Moji	FOOKSANG	Thurs., 12th May, at 7 a.m.
Shanghai	CHEONGSHANG	Sat., 14th May, at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	ISANG	Sat., 14th May, at 3 p.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shanghai	YUSANG	Sun., 15th May, at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shanghai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 18th May, at 7 a.m.
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TANKER BOOM.

SUPERFLUITY ANTICIPATED
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Discussing the subject of the boom in the construction of oil tankers, of which the latest instance in Scandinavia is the ordering of 13,000-tonner at the Gotaverken by a new Norwegian company, the Göteborgs Handels och Sjöfartstidning remarks that in recent years there has been found a certain scarcity of tonnage for the transport of oil, and as soon as it was shown to be possible to get ships chartered for years in advance, a beginning was made with the placing of new orders.

Already at the beginning of this year no fewer than 57 tankers were under construction in England and on the Continent, of a combined tonnage of 371,500 gross tons. Since then the number of new ships ordered has increased in an appreciable degree, and at the same time it seems that the construction of somewhat larger ships has been embarked upon. It is not possible to say how many ships of 13,000 tons or about this size are under construction for the transport of oil, as any statistics will not become available on the question until after the close of the present quarter.

As a result of the boom in the building of tankers it is obvious to foresee the rapid arrival of a stage of superfluity of this special type of cargo ships, thus leading in a slack season in the oil market to the laying up of such ships in place of their being sent out for other purposes. As against this danger stands the circumstance that the progress of motorships is in constant growth, so that the need of transport of oil will increase in the same measure.

Moreover, the newspaper states that a large part of the existing tank tonnage is not of a modern type, and is therefore condemned to be broken up. The old steamers with comparatively small cargo capacity, for instance, cannot compete with the large modern motorships on the oil routes, and must consequently be superseded by ships of the later type. This circumstance can have the effect provided that further new construction is now carried out on too large a scale—of causing the ships to learn good profits in the coming years.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobereck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889. The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

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May 6 to 12, 1927.

Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time	Ht.
May 6	6 m 13 s	4.1	5 m 5 s	3.7
May 7	7 m 11 s	4.3	6 m 7 s	3.8
May 8	8 m 5 s	4.4	7 m 1 s	3.9
May 9	9 m 1 s	4.5	7 m 7 s	4.0
May 10	10 m 1 s	4.6	8 m 1 s	4.1
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June 15	Seattle	Go. Washington	July 13	P'mth-C'brg July 21
June 21	San Francisco	Homer	July 23	G'brg-Shimprn July 29
June 28	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	P'mth-C'brg Aug. 7
July 5	San Francisco	Mytilos	Aug. 6	G'brg-Shimprn Aug. 12
July 12	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug. 10	G'brg-Shimprn Aug. 18
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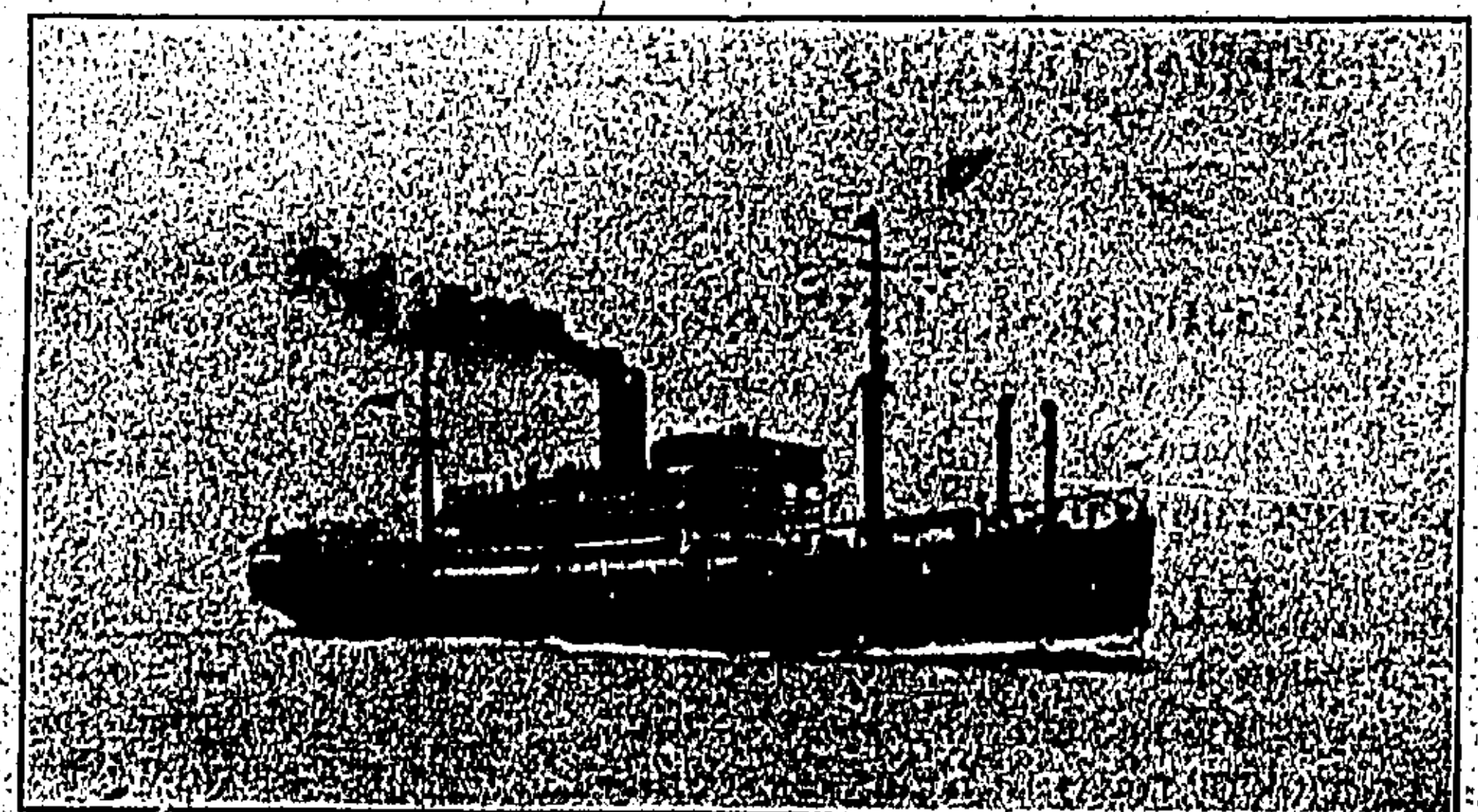
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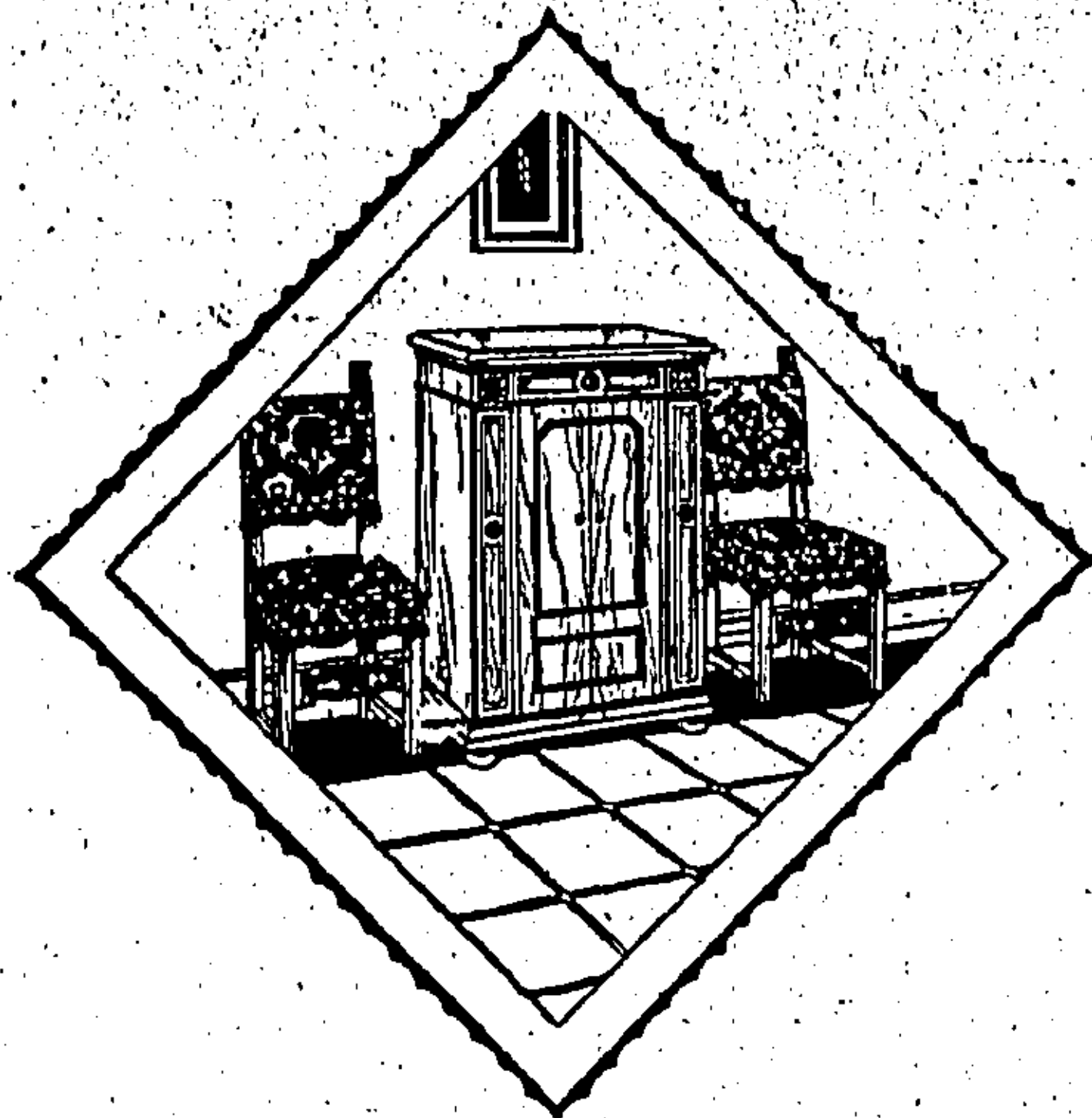
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THOSE WAR DEBTS.

Those who believe that the
strongest force for good in the
world to-day is the friendship of
the two great English-speaking
nations will deplore the con-
trovery that has arisen over war
debts as the result of a state-
ment made by the Secretary of
the United States Treasury. For-
tunately there is not a great deal
in this controversy. Mr. Andrew
Mellon in a letter to the President
of an American university em-
ployed a remark that after 1927
Britain will receive more from her
debtors substantially than she
will pay the United States. This
remark is considered in Britain
to create "an unfortunate impres-
sion," coming from such a quar-
ter, since in no circumstances will
Britain receive more than she
pays the United States. There is
nothing more to the matter than
that. Britain is not suggesting
for a single second that there
should be any revision of war
debts, nor is she revivifying the
United States for driving a hard
bargain. When she found that
the United States, after the war,
was not prepared to agree to
wiping out all war debts as a big
step towards stabilising the econ-
omic conditions of the world,
Britain lost no time in coming to
a settlement with the United
States, pledging herself at the
same time to a policy of collect-
ing from war-time Allies, who owed
her twice as much as she owed the
United States, no more than
would be required to meet her
American obligations. For the

reasons set out in the British
Note to Washington this imposed
very heavy burdens on the Bri-
tish taxpayer. These burdens
have been shouldered with a will.

The British taxpayer offered no
complaint then and he offers
none now. But having these bur-
dens to bear, he feels it is a little
hard that he should be pictured as
making a profit out of the war.
Americans who were the first to
praise Britain for signing a debt
settlement when the rest of the
Allies were defaulting, a debt
settlement covering money bor-
rowed for others, will be the first
to agree that Britain has a
legitimate grievance when the
impression is given that instead
of making big sacrifices in the in-
terests of the world's economic
stability, she is bearing no bur-
den at all. The grievance is not
very important in itself, as we
have said, and Britain gave the
United States a cue for answer-
ing the Note to Washington when
she disclaimed any intention of
wishing to interfere in a domes-
tic controversy in the United
States. Washington took this cue
and promptly advised London
that the State Department con-
sidered the correspondence be-
tween Mr. Mellon and the Pre-
sident of the University as a
purely domestic discussion. Pres-
umably the matter will now be
dropped, the British Note having
served its purpose of clearing the
air. But while the matter itself
will be dropped, we trust that
the lesson will be remembered.
Hereafter, whenever a small dis-
pute arises between Britain and
the United States, as such points
are bound to arise even between
friends, we hope that it will be
settled with the same prompti-
tude, be it a dispute of a diplo-
matic character or of a domestic
nature only. Nothing is worse
than leaving a sense of grievance
to fester, for it grows with the
passing of the months. If Brit-
tain feels that she is receiving
less than justice let her speak
out. If the United States thinks
she has a grievance let her lay it
bare. Surely the two nations
know each other well enough for
a little plain speaking. Such
clearing of the air as between
friends is the surest way to pre-
serve the present cordial relations,
relations which are the best guar-
antee for the peace of the world,
and as many believe, the greatest
force for good on earth to-day.

Trade Unions Bill.

In the House of Commons the
controversy over the Trade
Unions Bill has reached an acute
stage. The Government, of
course, has a sufficiently large
majority to ensure the Bill's
ultimate adoption, which is all to
the good considering its main
principle—making a general strike
illegal. The Labour extremists
may oppose the Bill and obstruct
its progress through the House by
every means possible, but will
they have the rank and file of
Trade Unionists and their wives
and families behind them? Last
year's general strike clearly showed
the spirit of the country. The
response for volunteers to carry
on the essential services was
simply magnificent. In spite of
the threats of Mr. A. J. Cook it
is very questionable whether an-
other general strike is possible.
But the Government is wisely tak-
ing no risks—hence the introduc-
tion of the Trade Unions Bill in
the interests of Trade Unions
themselves, enabling them to be
protected from minority rule of
the kind responsible for the indus-
trial crisis a year ago. The
Prime Minister made a telling
point when he declared that it
would have been easy to have
forced such a measure through
the House during or immediately
after the general strike last May,
although it might have been ex-
treme and vindictive. Trade
Unions are legalised. But Trade
Unions cannot be permitted
against their will to throttle the
industry of the whole country at
the bidding of a mere handful of
fanatics of the A. J. Cook brand.
Some action by Parliament is
essential to avert another national
calamity, and if the present
Bill goes a little beyond what
even some of the more moderate
Labourites would like they cannot
but recognise in due course that
the principle of the measure is
sound. To quote Mr. Baldwin,
the more the Bill is known in the
country the more will it be sup-
ported.

MARKED MONEY TRAP.

A Shaikwan boatman and his
wife were this morning fined \$100
each by Major Willson for selling
doubtful Chinese wine. Two
bottles were bought by a Chinese
revenue officer with two marked
20-cent pieces given to him by
C.P.O. Clark. Afterwards the
C.P.O. raided the boat and seized
two other bottles of wine. Three
sealed jars were found on a small
boat tied alongside. The mark-
ed money was found on the
woman.

MEXICAN COURT'S RULING.

Mexico City, May 5.
The Supreme Court has revoked
the partial amparos granted by the
Lower Courts restraining the
Federal authorities from enforcing
the new Land and Petroleum Laws
in the case of nine foreign oil com-
panies.
The Court rules that district
courts are only competent to grant
or reject amparos as a whole and
not partially as the District Court
has done in this case.—Reuters
American Service.

JAPAN'S CRISIS.

Tokyo, May 5.
The Premier, addressing the
Diet emphasised the seriousness
of the financial and economic
situation and hoped that the nation
would continue to observe with res-
traint and composure the presented
measures for assailing the banks.
He intimated that the Government
would leave explanations regarding
policies and intentions till the De-
cember session.—Reuters.

FAN AND PHONES STOLEN.

Mr. N. I. Brewer of the
Instone Banking Corporation, 25,
Des Voeux Road Central, had an
electric fan and two desk tele-
phones stolen from his office some
time yesterday. The property
was worth \$52.

A LEAP TO DEATH.

A Chinese died at the hospital
yesterday as the result of jump-
ing from the verandah of a house
in Cleverly Street. He suffered
fractured ribs and a broken spine.

Knocked down by a motor
truck owned the Hong Hoi Truck
Co., a coolie was yesterday taken
to hospital suffering from a frac-
tured leg.

As the result of a fall from a
wall at the St. Lewis Industrial
School, a Chinese boy suffered in-
juries to his head which had to
be treated at the hospital.

COMPANY REPORT.

MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD,
LIMITED.

LATEST YEAR'S FIGURES.

The report of Messrs. Lane,
Crawford, Ltd., for presentation to
the 5th annual meeting on May 14
reads as follows:—

The Directors beg to submit to
Shareholders a statement of ac-
counts made up to February 28,
1927. The balance at debit of pro-
fit and Loss Account after allowing
for Depreciation and Bad and
Doubtful Debts, and deducting the
credit balance brought forward
from last year, viz., \$2,494.38
amounts to \$63,430.84 which the
Directors propose to carry forward
to a new account.

Board of Directors.—The Board
of Directors consists of Mr. A. S. D.
Cousland (Chairman), Mr. W. E. L.
Shenton, Mr. Chan Tong, Mr. M.
Manuk, Mr. E. M. Raymond (Direc-
tors), Mr. R. L. Bridger, Mr. F. M.
Crawford, Mr. W. A. Eustace
(Managing Directors).

In accordance with the Articles
of Association, Mr. W. E. L. Shen-
ton retires, but being eligible, offers
himself for re-election.

Auditors: The accounts have
been audited by Messrs. Linatad
& Davis who offer themselves for
re-election.

A "COOL SMOKE."

ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE AGE-OLD
PROBLEM.

Under this head we learn from
an article in Tobacco (New York),
by A. S. Bee, of a device due to
Nicholas Nelsen, a Danish jour-
nalist, in which a smoker's pipe is
kept cool by turning the direction
of the smoke coming through the
stem to either side, or both sides.

This distributes the smoke into
the cavity of the mouth above the
tongue and gives, he asserts, a per-
fectly cool smoke.

He claims that by this simple
expedient, pipe smoke is as mild
as the mildest cigarette. We read:
"Attempts have been made since
time immemorial to invent means
for cooling tobacco pipes. In many
Oriental countries the problem was
solved several centuries ago
by the water pipe."

"But it is not a good pipe, as all
who have smoked one know. It
cools the smoke, but it kills all the
taste and aroma of the tobacco.
The cooled smoke drawn through it
tastes like water vapour."

Long Pipe-bowls.
"Austrians and Germans endeav-
oured to solve the heat problem
by making the pipe-bowls long and
narrow from porcelain and other
bad conductors of heat."

"They also make the stems ex-
ceptionally long of cherry-wood, so
that the smoke will be carried a
long distance before reaching the
tongue. They attain some results,
but not what they desire."

"In Napoleonic times, when clay
pipes were most popular with
smokers, European pipe-makers
developed pipes of excessively long
stems, known as serpent, or serpen-
tine pipes."

"These long stems, reaching in
some cases to eighteen feet or
more, were rolled up into bunches
six or seven inches long. They did
a certain amount of cooling, but
not much."

"Recently, as the world's patent
records show, inventors have again
tackled the problem of securing a
cool smoke and have exercised con-
siderable ingenuity. They have
centered their attention largely on
the bowl."

Numerous Tests.
"Some have made this double so
as to have an air-jacket between
the smoking and cooling bowl.
Others have circulated air at the
bottom of the bowl. Many have
had wells for air and the collection
of moisture at the bottom of the
bowl or the entrance of the stem."

"They appear to have left the
problem of a cool smoke more or
less open."

"Now Mr. Nelsen invites us to
try his pipes with a mouthpiece
designed so as to convey the smoke
into the mouth in such a way that
the air in the buccal cavity will
act as an automatic cooler."

"Numerous tests have shown
that this ingenious principle is
very efficient and as it is applicable
to all stems, it is just as effective
for cigar and cigarette holders as
for pipe-stems."

\$150,000 TO A TOWN.

BEQUEST TO NATIVE
PLACE.

The ancient Devonshire town of
Totnes, 10 miles from Newton Ab-
bot, is to receive about \$150,000
under the will of Mr. Sidney Felix
Adams, of Brookings, Newton Ab-
bot, who died on Christmas Eve,
aged 82, leaving \$215,831, with net
personalty \$218,838.

Mr. Adams, who was for more
than 30 years a member of the
London Stock Exchange, left nu-
merous bequests to relatives and
charities.

The residue of the estate is left
to Mrs. Adams for life, after which
sums totalling about \$3,000 are al-
located to religious and charitable
objects.

The ultimate residue goes to the
treasurer of the borough of Totnes,
the benefit and improvement of the
income to be devoted to the benefit
and improvement of the town or
the reduction of the rates as the
mayor and corporation may decide.

"A YOUNG LEGION."

SIR IAN HAMILTON'S
SUGGESTION.

QUITE A NEW IDEA.

The creation of a "young
Legion" to carry on the
work of the British Legion
was a suggestion put for-
ward by General Sir Ian Hamilton
at the annual conference of the
Metropolitan area which met at
the Royal Society of Arts Hall,
Sir Ian Hamilton, who has held
the post of president of the area
since 1921, was again unanimo-
usly elected.

The annual report stated that
although twelve branches had
been removed from the area,
seventeen new branches had been
formed during the year, making a
total of 119. The Employment
Bureau had found employment for
705 men and women during the
year, and a total of \$35,435 9s. 9d.
had been remitted for relieving
distress. In addition \$336 4s. 9d.
had been loaned to assist
families to emigrate to the
Dominions.

Lieut.-General Sir E. C.
Bethune was elected area chair-
man.

In his presidential address Sir
Ian Hamilton remarked that
youth, as a Legion asset, was
slowly draining away. Why
should it die out? Why should
not all those war orphans they
had educated become Legion-
aries? The German ex-Servicemen's
organisations included in
some cases their families, and
why not? They might set about
creating a "Young Legion," which
might begin by using their
badges and clubs. This was quite
a new idea and his own until now.

At the dinner which followed
at Slaters' Restaurant, High
Holborn, the health of the Pre-
sident was proposed by Mr. H. E.
Phillips, the retiring chairman.
Sir Ian Hamilton replied.

The toast of "The British
Legion" was proposed by the
Mayor of Holborn, Alderman H.
Warren Coleman, and, in reply,
Colonel G. R. Crossfield (vice-
chairman) referred to the British
Legion film, which had just been
prepared for exhibition through-
out the land. This was in no
sense a propaganda film, and
showed not only scenes of the
war, but the terrific struggle their
comrades had when they came
back after the war, and the work
that was being done to help them.

"The Metropolitan Area" was
given by Colonel E. C. Heath
(general secretary of the British
Legion), who announced that the
Poppy Day collection to date, in-
cluding Scotland, was \$409,130,
compared with \$332,328 in 1925.
During 1926 \$559,051 had been
spent on distress grants, \$103,036
on small business loans, \$119,198
on employment loans, \$45,994 on
employment grants, and \$4,874
on emigration loans and grants.
The Legion was in touch with the
Scouts' Association, and it was
hoped in the near future to form
troops of British Legion Boy
Scouts, sons of ex-Servicemen. In
this way they would be able to
carry on the torch of the British
Legion.

Sir E. C. Bethune replied.
"Our Guests" was proposed by
Mr. J. J. Cunningham area vice-
chairman, and Mr. Fred Howard
replied.

FASHIONS IN FOOD.

The statement of a member of
Parliament, lately returned from
Malta, which he visited as a mem-
ber of the British parliamentary
delegation, that the Maltese round
potato, once a favourite of the Eng-
lish housewife, is now sent else-
where because London refuses to
regard round potatoes as "new," is
confirmed by food experts. Major
Monroe, of the Covent Garden firm
of that name, said:

"There is little demand for the
white currant or the white rasp-
berry to-day. I do not think it is
due to prejudice, but to the reason
that though white currants are
every bit as tasty as red, they have
no distinctive colour and look
"messy" when cooked. The same, I
think, applies to the white rasp-
berry."

"The public like the kidney po-
tato because it is the new, improved
type, when new the skin can be
rubbed off. The round types are
wasteful because they have to be
peeled. The apples we used to eat
were coarse things with apple
cores, and the oranges much more
prolific in pipe than they are to-
day."

Although we have been married
seventy years, I do not know her
yet.—Mr. Benjamin Parsons (Gos-
port).

Mrs. Louisa Jones, aged 85, of
Long Ditton, Surrey, a visitor to
Margate, while praying on a
Sunday in Holy Trinity Church
collapsed and died from heart
failure.

She had often expressed the
hope that she would die while at
prayer.

COLONEL LAWRENCE.

THE MAKING OF A MYSTERY BOOK.

HOW IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

Colonel T. E. Lawrence's long-expected book, "Revolt in the Desert," which Mr. Jonathan Cape has just published, is acknowledged on every hand as a masterpiece of literature, but the making of it has been a mystery almost unique in the whole annals of publication.

To begin with, Colonel Lawrence had to write the book largely from memory, for he was busy during these two feverish years in the desert that he could not make elaborate notes. Having withdrawn from the Peace Conference, disappointed at the refusal of the French to modify their terms about Syria, he sat down in the Emir Feisal's temporary home in the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne in Paris to tell the story of the wonderful fight for freedom against the Turks that he had helped the Arabs to make, by bringing the tribes, often at daggers drawn with each other, under the unifying banner of Feisal.

First Ms. Disappears.

Colonel Lawrence then came to England with the manuscript, but one day the handbag which contained it, and many photographs which were to illustrate it, suddenly disappeared from the railway station at Reading, where it had been left unguarded for a moment, and from that day this nothing has been heard of the dossier.

There was, therefore, nothing for it but to start all over again, relying still more on his memory. To give him time, Mr. Geoffrey Dawson managed to secure for him leave of absence from All Souls, Oxford, of which he is a Fellow. Sir Herbert Barker entertained him in his house in Barton Street, Westminster, and for a whole year Colonel Lawrence laboured at his manuscript, managing to write something like half a million words, or nearly 1,400 words every day for twelve months.

The Book Begins.

He then got an Oxford newspaper to print his manuscript in ordinary "pulp" form, which was then "pulled" on one side of paper quarto size, two columns to the page. Eight "pulls" were made, but only five were assembled in 1922, the volume, which was called "Pillars of Wisdom: a Triumph," running into 308 pages, with introduction and title-pages typewritten only.

The manuscript itself was deposited in the Bodleian, and the assembled copies, of which one was retained by Colonel Lawrence himself, were read by various literary friends including Mr. Granville Barker and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shaw, the latter of whom were thanked for "countless suggestions and for all the semi-colons."

Then, in 1923, Miss Gertrude Bell, who, unfortunately, has not lived to see the present edition, suggested that Colonel Lawrence should publish an edition for private circulation. At first he was averse from the idea, all the more as he was tired of his task. But at last he tackled the work once more, and cut down his text to almost exactly half.

Now, however, he was less interested in the actual subject matter than in producing a book beautiful, so he got it set by Mr. Manning Pike, assisted by Mr. H. J. Hodgson, at 25, Charles Street, embellishing it with the reproduction of plates by distinguished artists, including Mr. Sargent, Mr. Augustus John, and Mr. Eric Kennington, nineteen of which were in colour and forty-nine in the next.

A Hundred and Seven Copies. Each copy of the book, which appeared last year and ran into 660 pages, cost the subscriber £30, but they really cost Colonel Lawrence nearly double that sum. Only 107 copies were printed, and some of these have changed hands recently at £150. It may be added that every copy of this edition was signed "T. E. S." for Colonel Lawrence is now known in the Army as "Private T. E. Shaw," probably as a tribute to Mr. Bernard Shaw, and, in the edition now before the public, his name Colonel T. E. Lawrence is printed within inverted commas. His first enlistment was made in the name of Ross.

Although such large sums have been offered for copies of the "private" printed edition the extra price did not, of course, go to Colonel Lawrence, who, in order to recoup himself, agreed to issue the fully published edition, which is the talk of the town to-day.

This book the title of which has now been changed to "Revolt in the Desert," contains 125,000 words and sixteen of the original plates, and it is a beautiful piece of typography, which will satisfy the artistic taste of its author.

Nephew Vital Omitted.

So fascinating is the text that people would like to read unabridged editions. It can, however, be stated that nothing vital to the interest has been omitted. The first eight chapters, which were by way of historical prolegomena, have gone entirely by the board, as also has his charming series of satirical verses to "S.A." whose identity is known to very few of Colonel Lawrence's intimates.

In conclusion, it may be doubted if anybody except Colonel Lawrence himself has all the three editions of his wonderful book.

A NOD OR A WINK.

WOMAN'S AUCTION ROOM EXPERIENCE.

Miss Evelyn Barlow, sister of Sir Montague Barlow, describes her work as an art auctioneer to members of the Scripist Club at their weekly luncheon at the Criterion Restaurant. Miss Barlow is a director of a well-known firm of art auctioneers in Bond Street. "It is not generally known," she said, "that during an auction when valuable things are being sold there is absolute silence in the room. Regular buyers rarely think of shouting their bids. Each bidder usually has his own particular sign, such as nodding his head, winking, or raising an eyebrow or a hand. We had an American bidder whose only method of bidding was to place his hand on the table and raise his little finger. This was the only sign he used even when carrying his bids into thousands of pounds."

Miss Barlow said that it was one of the first duties of an auctioneer to know these little signs; otherwise important bids might be missed. Hundreds of letters were received by her firm from people who thought they had articles of value to sell. When a copy of the "Pilgrims Progress" fetched £6,800 at a sale last year they were snowed under with letters from people who possessed copies of the "Pilgrims Progress," and who thought they must be equally valuable. She attributed the extraordinary rise in prices realised at auctions to American buyers, who flocked to Britain. It was a great pity that so many treasures were being purchased for America.

"GOSSIPERS & BACKBITERS."

The Rev. W. N. Gordon Boxer, priest-in-charge of the Episcopalian Church of St. Andrew's and St. George at Rosyth, who is about to take up duty at Dunblane, says, in a farewell letter printed in the congregational magazine: "I cannot pretend to be sorry to leave behind me certain aspects of Church life in Rosyth. Unfortunately, there have been not a few gossipers, busybodies, and backbiters within the congregation. Many of our regular worshippers in the course of the last five years have not shown the elementary principles of loyalty to their priest or his wife. These people have been to my face all smiles and flattery; behind my back they have been traducers and whisperers."

"I am afraid that there has been abroad in our congregation too great love of gossip and scandal and too little courage to rebuke evil-speaking, lying, and slandering. There are always, of course, those to whom such an indictment does not apply, and I trust that they will not pull down over their ears a cap that does not fit them."

The boy capable of being very bad is also capable of being very good.—Canon Hewlett Johnson.

A continued progression to the Left, a sort of inevitable landslide into the abyss, is the characteristic of all revolutions.—Mr. Churchill.

MORAL DECAY.

FALSE IDEALS OF MODERN LIFE.

Lord Hugh Cecil, speaking at Oxford at a meeting in support of the Bishop of Oxford's appeal for the Church schools of the diocese, spoke against the modern ideas of "self-expression."

Self-expression, he said, meant the ruin of human life. It was a false ideal, held more particularly by the modern woman. Women put themselves forward as though they were waiting until their bonds could be severed when they could bloom in odiferous splendour. The true ideal was the desire to be useful and not merely to express what was inside oneself.

This was an age of great moral disintegration, and the idea of self-expression was at the root of the matter. Never, therefore, was it more necessary that education should be coloured and biased by religion; never were Church schools more necessary. Moral restrictions were weakening everywhere, and he foresaw an ever-increasing tendency for the gathering together of good people on the one side and bad people on the other. The division would grow deeper and deeper in such circumstances. All religious differences must be forgotten, and the religious education of the children must be the first care of all Christian people.

£58,000 SCHEME.

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

A scheme to cost £58,000 for the relief of traffic congestion at the Elephant and Castle is recommended to the L.C.C. for approval by the Improvements Committee.

The expenditure forms part of a larger scheme put forward by the Ministry of Transport, estimated to cost £377,000. The Improvements Committee suggest that the Council should, without committing itself to the complete scheme, agree to the part which provides for the widening of Union Road and Harper Street, so as to provide a route from Southwark Bridge, and also from St. George's Circus, to the New Kent Road, which will enable much of the traffic between those points entirely to avoid the Elephant and Castle.

Parts of these roads at present are quite narrow, and the Committee propose that they should be widened to a minimum of 40ft. The Ministry has provisionally agreed to contribute one-half of the Council's net expenditure, provided that this is not regarded as a precedent for the larger scheme.

I think I might have been a better man if I had not been such a good boy.—Professor S. Alexander.

Who could be so unreasonable as to believe that this is a reasonable world?—Mr. Robert Lynd.

The public does not avoid a film because it is British, but because it is bad.—Princess Bibesco.

People who have no money always seem to have motor-cars.—Judge Randolph.

A TASK FOR YOUTH.

UNIFYING EUROPEAN INTERESTS.

"I have no quarrel with the younger generation. I think they will give the world just as efficient business men, just as fertile artists and inventors, just as courageous pioneers, and every bit as able statesmen as their forbears," said Mr. Otto Kahn, the American banker and international financier, who is paying a visit to London, in an interview with a Press representative.

"The younger generation," he declared, "are opening their eyes wide. They are looking at things for themselves. They are not taking everything for granted simply because it happens to exist. That desire to examine things and values and find out whether they are genuine and real or false and make-believe, I consider to be a healthy and a hopeful characteristic. I am in full sympathy with it."

Mr. Kahn said he welcomed this tendency of the younger generation to question and find out for themselves, because what was particularly required in Europe at the present time was that nations and classes and individuals should try to understand one another, try to give one another opportunities of co-operation, not merely from a sense of virtue, but because it was to the advantage of everybody that they should understand and co-operate.

"A United States of Europe has been a dream for many generations," he remarked. "It is easier to dream about than to realise, but it is worth working for, none the less. Infinite complications are in the way. Here is a task for the younger generation. Let them unravel the knots, and, as far as is compatible with varying racial, political, social, and historical elements, establish a new and active inter-relationship between the people and markets of the Old World, as well as the New."

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On demand ... 11 1/2

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Chinese Copper Cash ... 10 1/2

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A WIFE WANTED.

"CHANCE WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR."

"FOND OF CHILDREN."

The Mayor of Lancaster (Algernon I. J. Curwen) has in two days received over 50 replies to the request which came from Canada to assist in finding a "sensible" wife for a bachelor in British Columbia. The letters come from places as far apart as Whitley Bay, London, Sheffield, Blackpool and Portadown (Ireland).

In about 12 cases, photographs are forwarded. Several of the writers explain that they have not been bobbed or shingled, and declare their fondness for children. One widow states that she has travelled on the Continent.

"Passable in looks and a real stay-at-home" is a widow's description of herself.

Another writer says:— I am pleasant and quiet-natured, except when I get vexed. I am good-looking, economical, and can cook him a good dinner, wash, mend his clothes, darn his socks and look after him in health and sickness. I do not go to dances. I do not care for the pictures but I do like a good drama. Above all I prefer a ramble in the country when weather permits.

Wary Correspondent.

Detailed information is furnished by a 30-year-old spinster who writes:

I have blue eyes, am 7 stones in weight and take size 3 in shoes. Not at all dance crazy or picture mad. Would be quite willing to go abroad to gain a good and kind husband.

Two women display a spirit of accommodation in a joint letter in the course of which they state: "This is just the chance we have been looking for. We are two quite retiring thoroughly domesticated women, not above 40 years of age. If one of us is selected for the honour of this marriage, we have agreed to remain the best of friends. We are looking forward to a change and life in the open air."

One wary correspondent would "like to know a bit more about him from a Salvation Army captain in British Columbia."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

May 6—Queen's Theatre: "Mare Nostrum."

May 6—Star Theatre: "Compromise."

May 6—World Theatre: "The Cave Man."

May 10-11—Queen's Theatre: "The Temptress."

May 18—Star Theatre: The Wilbur Players in their latest comedies and dramas.

May 6—Cafe Restaurant Parisien: Tea, Dance, 4.30 p.m., Dinner Dance, 8 p.m.

May 6—Annual dinner (Engineer Co.), H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, 8 p.m.

May 12-14—Buster Keaton in "Seven Chances."

May 13—Smoking concert at Volunteer Headquarters 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

May 6—Royal Artillery Athletic Meeting, United Services Recreation ground, Kowloon, 2 p.m.

May 7—V.R.C. amateur boxing tournament, 9 p.m.

May 7—Fifth annual athletic sports meeting at the Cheung Chiu football ground, commencing 11.30 a.m.

May 7—Third extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.

May 8—Fifth annual athletic sports meeting of South China Athletic Assn., Hong Kong Football Club Ground, Happy Valley, noon.

May 11—Exhibition Tennis, H.K.C.C., 4 p.m., for M.C.L.

May 24—Meeting of Fanling Hunt Steeplechases.

Auctions.

May 10—At Messrs. Lammert Bros. sales room, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Meetings.

May 6—Annual meeting of Worshippers at the Peace Church in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

May 7—Third annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

May 9—Officers' Mess Meeting H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, 6.30 p.m.

May 10—Meeting of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, noon.

May 14—Fifth yearly meeting of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., Des Voeux Rd., 11.30 a.m.

May 14—China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., thirtieth meeting, St. George's Bldg., noon.

May 16—Meeting of Members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p.m.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 21—Sixty-first meeting of British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Bldg., 11.15 a.m.

May 21—General meeting of shareholders of Douglas Co., Ltd., Co.'s Office, noon.

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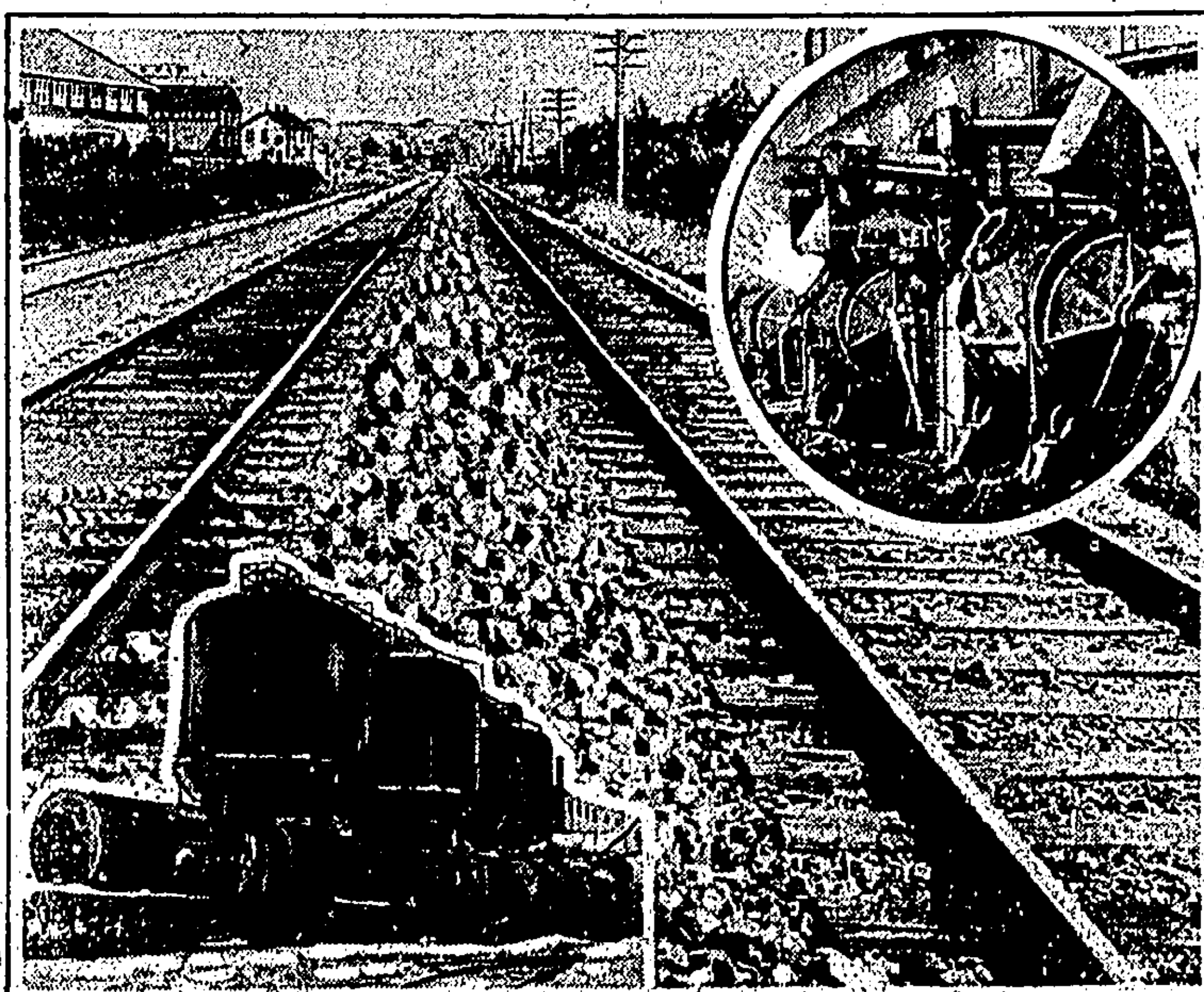
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This is, of course, only one of many by-products of the nickel industry, and the others range all the way from platinum to rock ballast for railway beds. The stone which is separated from the ore is crushed and is used by the Canadian Pacific Railway on many miles of its road, some of it going nearly as far west as Winnipeg. Gold and silver are recovered in the refining, as well as platinum, the precious metals totaling in value more than a million and a half dollars every year.

The sulphuric acid is manufactured at Coniston, near Sudbury, in that mighty nickel district in the vicinity of Sudbury. Sudbury district produces ninety per cent of the world's nickel, and is this year celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the discovery of nickel, which was first detected in the ore in 1857.

The central picture of the above layout shows a typical stretch of Canadian Pacific rock-ballast road bed. The upper photograph is a view of the sulphuric acid manufacturing machinery, while below is seen the huge sulphuric acid storage tanks at Coniston, near Sudbury.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

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Milk will be sold generally at 6d. a quart in London until further notice. This is a reduction of 1d. a quart, which was decided upon by the Amalgamated Master Dairy-men.

Small boxes of cherries grown under glass in the South of France were sold at Covent Garden in mail week at six shillings each. This represented sixpence for each individual cherry.

Letters of administration to the estate of Grace Theresa Gonella, late of No. 209, Wanchai Road, who died on May 9, 1926, have been granted to O'Gara Gonella, architect, her husband. Mrs. Gonella left net personalty in the Colony of \$2,400.

A meeting was held in the office of the Secretary of Chinese Affairs, attended by several medical practitioners, including Dr. J. Anderson of the University, and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Li Yik-mul, Mr. Wong Ping-suen. The re-organisation of the Tung Wah Hospital was discussed.

Notification has been received by the Singapore Flying Club, from the Singapore Harbour Board, that they have been granted an area of 10,000 square feet of land adjoining that occupied by the Royal Singapore Yacht Club. It is understood that the Club will thus have the use of a water frontage of about 500 feet.

A general meeting of members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce has been called for Monday, May 16, in the City Hall, to nominate a member of the Chamber for appointment to the Legislative Council for the usual term of four years, as the Chamber's present representative, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, will in future remain a member of the Council on appointment by H.E. the Governor.

The London policemen who have been visiting Paris have been duly admired by Paris crowds, writes a correspondent to a Home newspaper, but it has been left for the "Matin" to give them a new name. That journal printed a picture of "Les Bobs de Londres et les agents de Paris disputant un match de Rugby," and the correspondent suggests that French politeness may have thought the diminutive "Bobby" too familiar. "Bob" certainly seems to be a tribute to the respect inspired by the manly proportions and simple dignity of the men of whom Londoners are so justly proud.

The Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd. hold their annual meeting in the company's office (Whiteaway's Building) at 12 noon on May 21. The company's transfer books will be closed from May 17 to 21 inclusive.

Five Chinese cases of notifiable disease were reported yesterday to the Medical Officer of Health. There were two cases of enteric fever (typhoid) from the city, one of diphtheria from the city and another from Kowloon, and one of small-pox from Kowloon.

The Marchioness of Carisbrooke was operated on for appendicitis. The operation, which took place in a West-end nursing home, was performed by Sir Charles Gordon-Watson, and was reported to be "very successful."

To travel to Canada at the same price as one would pay to go to the pictures seems incredible. Yet this is what Mr. and Mrs. Waite and their six children, of Westwood, Durham, are doing. For the sum of 5. 10d.—an average cost of under 9d.—this family will sail from Liverpool for Canada by the Cunard liner "Aurania." This is made possible by the Government-assisted passages scheme, and under ordinary circumstances, it would cost Mr. Waite nearly £150.

The fact that there have been but eight cases of typhoid amongst the European community during 1927 is considered as sufficient proof that the minor epidemic of the last fortnight or so—there have been 27 cases notified in the Colony in 15 days—is not due to infection of the ordinary water supply of the Colony or to milk. The fact that a number of cases are being reported daily from Chinese districts is considered by medical authorities to be due to the drinking of water running through nullahs. It is not considered that there is danger to the public in general provided they remain careful of their food and drink.

Tributes to the keen interest that Mr. G. W. Keeton had taken in the Association of Past and Present Commercial students and in the University generally were paid by members at a farewell tea party organised by the Association yesterday on the occasion of Mr. Keeton's impending departure, the speakers being Mr. Theng Khay, who presided, Mr. B. M. Talati, the Graduate Secretary, Mr. Wei Tat and Mr. Lim Pen-tiong, Mr. Keeton, in reply, referred to his happy associations with the students, past and present and assured them he would never forget the three pleasant years he had spent among them.

To the memory of Sir Patrick Manson, who for all time will be known as the "Father of Tropical Medicine," and who was formerly of Hong Kong a tablet was, on March 15, unveiled by the Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, at the Albert Dock Hospital, where so much of Sir Patrick's work was done.

The London newspapers have been puzzled about a statement made by Sir Frank Heath, Secretary to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, who in a speech at Leeds alluded to the early introduction of an invention which, if it possessed half the merits it claimed, would affect, he hoped for good, the lives of every man, woman and child in the country. No details of the invention were discussed.

The work of translating the Bible into Afrikaans is proceeding steadily, the "African World" says. Professor Kestell, rector of the Grey University College, and one of the translators, stated recently at Bloemfontein that the four Gospels and the Psalms had been completed; except for final revision, and that this part of the Bible would probably be published before the end of the year. The translation of the rest of the Bible, he added, would be completed next year, but as the translation was being done from the original Hebrew and Greek, a task which necessitated great care, the work of revision would probably occupy another two years.

The flat has gone forth; a revolution in the social amenities of Eastern life is threatened, remarks the "Straits Times." It all emanates from India where the leaders of society at Simla and Delhi have devised a businesslike plan which will obviate the calling necessity and lead to the abolition of "Not at Home" boxes. Many in Singapore will read with interest the proposals that have been adopted and, perhaps, in time roads in our leading residential areas will resemble an apiary with its beehive-looking boxes than it does at present. The scheme adopted at Simla is to the effect that no calls should be paid by anyone (new-comers and men included) save on the Viceroy, the Governor of the Punjab, and other high officials, and that on arrival in the winter capitals each season everyone should send to the hon. secretary of the Simla-Delhi Calling League his or her name, appointment address and probable date of departure. A small fee is payable to cover expenses and the list is circulated with addendum fortnightly to everyone whose name is on it. Formal calls will in future be done by post. Bachelors will sigh with relief; some ladies perhaps with dismay.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Albert Laing Cunningham, of Messrs. Swayne and Hoyt Inc., living at No. 22, Robinson Road, to Alice Mary Law, No. 4, College View.

Capt. R. Neville, R.M.L.I., A.D.C., to Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor-elect of the Straits Settlements, was formerly A.D.C. to Sir R. E. Stubbs when the latter was Governor of Hong Kong.

Dr. W. P. C. de Trafford, of the Economics Department, Osaka Commercial University, is on a short visit to Hong Kong and China to observe conditions for certain Japanese newspapers. Dr. de Trafford was at one time at Hong Kong University. Mrs. de Trafford is continuing on the "La Plata Maru" to East Africa.

Nearly 100 extra pairs of overshoes for the coming tourist season are now on order for the Chapter House, Westminster Abbey, one of London's fascinating historical places. During the season more than 500 persons visit it each day, but, according to the attendants, this number includes very few Londoners. The wearing of the overshoes supplied is a condition of entry to the Chapter House. When first opened, 40 pairs of overshoes were sufficient. There are now 120 pairs, and before long there will be more than 200.

The Queen visited the warehouses of the Port of London Authority in Houndsditch, where valuable goods from all parts of the world, and particularly Eastern lands, are stored. The goods there at any one time it is computed, are worth a sum approaching £20,000,000. Although a good deal of climbing of stairs was involved, the Queen appeared to enjoy the experience thoroughly. She went to the top floor, worked down gradually to the lower floors, and concluded with an inspection of curios, many of which were the work of highly skilled Chinese and Japanese craftsmen. A number of wonderful lacquer screens with embossed patterns, in mother of pearl, most beautifully wrought were on view, and these claimed attention and keen admiration. Many rare and costly articles carved in ivory were also inspected. The Queen also visited the headquarters of the Port of London Authority in Trinity Square and a riverside warehouse.

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Major-General C. Van Staden, C.B., C.M.G., the G.O.C.-elect, Malaya, had the honour of being presented to H. M. the King at a Levee held at St. James's Palace on March 15.

Repeating after 50 years a ceremony they performed for the Duke of Argyll, then Governor-General of Canada, Indian tribes of Vancouver Island will make Viscount Willingdon, 13th Governor-General of Canada, a blood chief of island tribes in a ceremony which will draw a massed attendance from the Songhees, Saanich, and Malahat reservations on his arrival at Victoria. In full war paint and feathers the tribesmen will escort his Excellency in three war canoes on a tour of the original sites of the fort which stood on the shores of the inner harbour before proceeding up the gorge, where the investiture of chieftain is to be made.

"A. R." Bangkok, writing to the Editor of the "Siam Observer," says:—That such reverent attention should be paid in an out-of-the-literary world place like Bangkok to Joseph Conrad is a matter of gratifying wonder. But how is it that no attempt so far has ever been made to get into touch, through the medium of your columns, with people who have known Conrad in Bangkok? For years the man who was to write Typhoon and the Shadow Line—the action of which takes place in the Gulf—was in the employ of a well known Arab firm which still exists in Singapore. His tramp used to ply between Menado, Pontianak, Macassar and Bangkok, loading copra, rice and coconuts. Surely there are still among us men who had dealings with him. Haven't they realised yet that Joseph Conrad is no other than this Captain Conrad they met over here years ago in a shop or on a wharf, in a bar or on a deck? It is for them to come forward and let us know, however, dim their memories may be, what Conrad looked like when as a young skipper, not thinking yet of Lord Jim or Victory, he had only to worry about getting in as quickly as possible his rice, his copra, and as the old mariners used to say, his refreshments.

Hong Kong passengers on the "President Lincoln" when she sailed yesterday for Manila included Mr. K. Rupchand, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith, Mr. L. Gonzales, Mrs. Ruth L. Harris.

The Most Rev. Joseph Medard Emard, D.D., Roman Catholic Archbishop of Ottawa, has died there after a long illness, at the age of 74. He was chosen Roman Catholic bishop to the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the war, and was created an assistant at the Pontifical Throne in 1917. His pastoral works fill five volumes.

The death occurred on April 27 at Batu Gajah hospital, F.M.S., of Mr. A. E. Thomas, senior member of the firm of Thomas and Hornidge, mining engineers. He leaves a daughter in Ipoh. Mr. Thomas was counted as one of the most expert hydraulic engineers in Malaya. He had been engaged on important works in most of the leading mines and had also submitted an important scheme to prevent floods.

Few journalists have such a faithful following as has Mr. Robert Blatchford says P. K. in "The Newspaper World." His seventy-sixth birthday, which occurred last month, was celebrated by a dinner given at Pritchard's Restaurant, Oxford Street. The majority of those present were "Clarioners" who had read the paper from its first number in 1891. Many of them were men and women reared in "The Clarion" atmosphere. Their parents knew and worked with Robert Blatchford and A. M. Thompson in their younger days, and they as children learned of the great work that those men were doing on "The Clarion." To the dinner came readers from Newcastle, Warrington, Brighton, Sheffield, Glasgow, and Halifax. The gathering was presided over by the Rev. J. Carmel Robinson, of Bedford Park, the founder of the Clarion Fellowship. Responding to the toast of "The Clarion and its Staff," Mr. Tom Groom stated that during the week its obituary notice had been written for the thirty-fifth time. Like the thirty-four previous ones, it would not appear in print. It was intended to close down at the end of the month, but it was certain that the paper would still be maintained. At the moment it was not possible to say what its future form would be; it was, however, certain that it would continue to appear.

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SPORTS SECTION

NEW CHAMPION.

Englishman Wins Bantam Title.

15 ROUNDS' LONDON BOUT.

London, May 5. Teddy Baldoek (London) defeated Archie Bell (America) on points at the Albert Hall in a 15 rounds contest for the world's bantam-weight boxing championship to-night.

They weighed in this afternoon as follows:—Baldoek 117 lbs. 11 oz., Bell 117 lbs. 1½ oz.

Both were announced to be very fit and very confident of victory.

How They Fought.

It was a splendid fight throughout, both men showing great cleverness in attack and defence.

Baldoek, who was fighting in orthodox style, sent in beautiful straight lefts followed up by flashing rights to the head. He varied his attack with right leads to the head and body.

Bell did well with blows to the stomach and with hooks but at the end of half a dozen rounds, the Englishman was ahead on points and continued to do rather better than his opponent until the fourteenth round when the American attacked furiously and bombarded Baldoek with lefts and rights.

Ends in Excitement.

The latter, however, made good use of the ring. He swayed and ducked skilfully and survived these onslaughts.

In the last round Bell rushed in and tried his hardest to batter down the defence but Baldoek fought back magnificently, a glorious struggle ending amid an amazing scene of excitement.—Reuter.

MACAO SPORTS.

3-DAY ATHLETIC MEETING CONCLUDED.

THE TWO CHAMPIONS.

The three-day athletic sports meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd. was interrupted by rain and has been concluded.

Madame de Sousa Barbosa (wife of H.E. the Governor of Macao) presented the prizes as follows:—

Meeting champion: tie between H. Braga and Yue Se-tung; 15 points each; Braga was awarded the Governor's Cup and the latter the Club's trophy.

Track Champion: H. Braga. Field Champion: Tso Ting-tsan. 120 Yards High Hurdles: 1. Yue Se-tung; 2. H. L. Chan; 3. M. Lau. Time: 18 2/5 secs.

High Jump: 1. Yue Se-tung; 2. W. K. Ho; 3. F. C. Chan. Height: 5 ft. 1 in.

One Mile: 1. T. W. Ng; 2. R. Bingham; 3. J. S. Vaz. Time: 6 min. 22 2/5 secs.

Throwing the Javelin: 1. Tso Ting-tsan; 2. Leung Mo-yung; 3. Y. S. Wu. Distance: 130 feet.

220 Yards: 1. H. Braga; 2. Luiz Rodrigues; 3. L. Wong. Time: 24 secs.

One Mile Bicycle Race: 1. J. A. Bento; 2. T. W. Chan; 3. J. Ribeiro. Time: 3 min. 27 2/5 secs.

220 Yards Low Hurdles: 1. Yue Se-tung; 2. C. L. Ng; 3. A. Colloco. Time: 30 secs.

Pole Jump: 1. Yue King-ho; 2. W. K. Ho; 3. Alberto Lopes. Height: 9 ft. 2 in.

Throwing the Discus: 1. Tso Ting-tsan; 2. Francisco Grillo; 3. Y. S. Wu.

Girls' Race: 1. Cecilia Rodrigues; 2. Jacqueline Pereira; 3. Alda Carmona; 4. S. Carey; 5. A. Ruiner.

Volley Ball: South China "A." Girls' Race: 1. Marie Cabral; 2. Lucille Rodrigues; 3. Alice Simoes.

Girls' Race: 1. Yvonne Simoes; 2. Cecilia Maria Nolasco; 3. Marie Barmona.

Consolation Race (100 Yards): 1. Eusebio Xavier; 2. Leong Wing-chin; 3. Nam Sing-chow.

Officials' Race (100 Yards): 1. Guilherme Silva; 2. Carlos Silva; 3. Caesar Carqueja.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES ON SUNDAY.

Starting times at Fanling on the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club course are as follows:—

9.28 a.m. A. Leach, W. L. Dunbar. 9.32 H. R. Sturt, H. E. Standage. 9.36 J. W. Alabaster, H. G. Hegarty.

9.40 W. L. Alexander, J. Harrop. 9.44 L. Finlayson, L. Brown. 9.48 T. S. Whyte Smith, A. O. Brann.

9.52 H. L. Carson, H. R. Cleland. 9.56 V. M. Grayburn, M. M. Maas. 10.00 N. L. Smith, L. R. Andrews.

10.04 D. J. Gilmore, K. S. Morrison. 10.08 C. L. Sandes, T. G. Bennett. 10.12 W. A. Butterfield, F. H. Wood.

10.16 Col. Boylan Smith, Major Lucas. 10.20 B. D. Evans, F. J. de Reme. 10.24 G. E. Ellams, C. B. Brown.

10.28 C. G. Stark, W. Douglas. 10.32 E. J. Mahon, W. C. Murray. 10.36 H. E. Forayth, W. N. Bayard.

10.40 C. Thwaites, J. Fleming. 10.44 J. W. Alabaster, H. G. Hegarty. 10.48 J. W. Alabaster, H. G. Hegarty.

TENNIS SURPRISE.

HOW S.A. RUMJAHN DEFEATED T. HONDA.

LOCAL STANDARD HIGHER.

Now that the result is known all over the Colony, how many will still admit that they never looked for a victory for S. A. Rumjahn yesterday in the semi-final of the open singles championship of the Hong Kong Cricket Club tournament?

To be honest with myself, I did not think that young Rumjahn would even bring off a fluky win, much less defeat the 1926 and 1924 holder in straight sets. Yet at least one tennis expert tells me that he was trying to back Rumjahn, only that he wanted odds.

Good cause did the Indian Recreation Club have last night for being like a community without a saxophone player; although there is still the final to play.

NO TENNIS TO-DAY.

Ground Too Wet For Singles Final.

Just before tiffin time to-day, the "China Mail" was informed by the Hong Kong Cricket Club that the final in the open singles of the lawn tennis championship will not be played to-day as the ground is too wet.

Spectators at most games invariably have a sneaking fondness for the challenger and Rumjahn's triumph was popular because a succession of honours has been broken and there is so much more encouragement for young blood.

Lesson of Last Year.

Credit must be given the winner for the brainy game he played. One has as much chance of out-waiting Honda as of teaching a camel to talk Greek. To tire Honda out is like trying to break a Hong Kong landlord's heart. But Rumjahn hung on patiently and refused to throw either points or energy away when he had established a lead.

Last year he met Honda in the final. He won the first two sets but did not look like doing the trick. Honda's generalship won him the next three sets and the title.

Having learnt his lesson, Rumjahn went on to the stand court yesterday with a definite plan of campaign. The first time a server won a game in the third set was when Rumjahn was leading 2-1; the score became 3-1 against Honda and the outlook against him then was as black as the proverbial tablecloth in a Chinatown eating house.

Rumjahn's Strategy.

After that Rumjahn was easily the better man.

Another vital advantage that Rumjahn had was his variety of strokes.

Honda's point winner is his forehead drive with plenty of devil, top-spin and power behind it. His overhead game yesterday was a trifle below his best, which has never been exceptional. And his work at the net was not convincing.

Where Rumjahn delighted keen observers was in the manner in which he drew his more experienced opponent out. The youngster's strategy was to invite an attack which he countered by doing what best suited the occasion.

Secret of Success.

When Honda first met Ng Sze-kwong, the match ended in darkness and had to be replayed. A controversy arose over the seemingly aimless tactics of both men in the closing stages when over a hundred returns were needed to decide each point. Honda was content to wait then.

Rumjahn found out the weak point in his armour. He placed his strokes so that Honda could hardly refuse to drive and Rumjahn was prepared to meet it: Either by lobbing, or by a neat chop, or a sharp cross shot, he beat the champion whenever he (Honda) made an advance.

That was the secret of Rumjahn's success in a series of thrilling rallies. Could not Ng Sze-kwong have done likewise in 1924?

Local Standard Improved.

With all respect, I submit that the standard of lawn tennis in Hong Kong has improved materially in the last few seasons, the effect being least shown in those at the very top. Rumjahn has come on tremendously both in skill and in knowledge. His experience is a credit to many old hands.

What of Honda? By no means a model of an entertaining tennis player, he certainly impressed when he gave H. L. Snodgrass (the visiting American star?) a tough fight. Honda is as good now as he was then but he lost

yesterday on merits, in the finest singles match of the season. He did not like Rumjahn's chops and cuts and his game was such that he had no option. But where I was astounded was to see Rumjahn win so many of his points through mistakes by Honda.

Prospects in the Final.

To establish an advantage in the first two sets, Rumjahn had to fight every inch of the way, using every stroke he possessed. Rumjahn also earned praise for conserving his strength and not trying to accomplish the spectacular. He was at the top of his form and had the holder demoralised early in the third set. For his ability to put Honda right off his game, rather than for his proving the better all-round player, Rumjahn deserves all the congratulations he received.

On yesterday's showing, Rumjahn's prospects in the final (against Ng Sze-kwong, six years' champion till 1924) are so bright that they would make a rainbow resemble a widow's weeds.

Different Type of Player.

Remember, however, that Ng Sze-kwong is an entirely different type of player who also has his repertoire of strokes. Ng Sze-kwong may have lost a little of his vitality but he has increased the pace of his drives without diminishing his accuracy.

Although he showed no signs of it yesterday, Rumjahn has been known to be temperamental and impatient. Symptoms of these against Ng Sze-kwong will be fatal. For that reason, I shall still be prepared to see Honda win if he ever meets Rumjahn again.

Nevertheless I think Rumjahn will be favourite in the final. My vote is for him but I plead guilty to having a wish that is father to the thought.—W.P.C.

THE MATCH.

Rumjahn In Very Fine Fettle.

Outplaying Honda (singles holder) in all departments of the game, S. A. Rumjahn secured a run-away victory in straight sets yesterday, in the second semi-final of the open singles championship of the Hong Kong tennis tournament.

This is the second year in succession that S. A. Rumjahn has entered the final in this event. Last year, he lost to Honda by the odd set in five after a close struggle.

Honda was playing below form and could only occasionally put across one of his "deadly" cross-court shots. The Japanese kept playing to his opponent's backhand but hardly to any purpose, as Rumjahn was in particularly fine fettle.

Always Scheming.

Possessing more strokes and showing more agility on the court, Rumjahn manoeuvred Honda out of position time and again, ran up to the net and effected his "kill."

Realising that perhaps the surest way of beating his sturdier opponent would be to draw him out, Rumjahn was scheming all the time, taking the first set from the tricky Champion with comparative ease at 6-3.

The second set was more evenly contested, Honda securing the lead for the first time during the match by winning the first two games. Rumjahn, however, was soon on top again, securing the next three games in convincing style. Honda then annexed the following two games but fell away again, losing the set at 4-6.

Threw Caution Away.

Rumjahn gave away only one game in the last set. When the score was 1-4 against him, Honda threw caution to the wind, putting great force behind his shots which found the net more often than not. Honda's length had by now become inconsistent.

The final between Ng Sze-kwong and S. A. Rumjahn will be well worth watching. Should the match go to the full five sets, it is rather likely that Rumjahn's youth and stamina will stand him in good stead, otherwise it is expected that Ng Sze-kwong's vast experience will see him through.

Yesterday's Results.

Open Singles (semi-final)—S. A. Rumjahn beat T. Honda (holder). 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Club Championship (3rd round)—S. E. Green beat E. Grimble. 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles (4th round)—Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2/5) beat Major W. B. Stevenson and Major H. R. Edwards (owe 1/5) 6-3, 6-3.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles (final)—Ng Sze-kwong v. S. A. Rumjahn (stand court).

Handicap Singles "A" (2nd round)—C. C. Stark (rec. 3/6) v. Capt. E. G. Howard (acc.).

Handicap Singles "B" (final)—R. Guy Wilkerson (rec. 15/1) v. J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15).

Handicap Doubles (4th round)—R. M. Henderson and A. Brearley (owe 2/5) v. Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2/6) (semi-final)—E. J. R. Mitchell

DAVIS CUP.

DENMARK ELIMINATES HOLLAND.

TO MEET BRITAIN?

Copenhagen, May 5. Denmark, by winning the first three matches of a first round tie in the Davis Cup lawn tennis against Holland, earned the right to meet the winner of the Britain v. Sweden tie in the second round.—Reuter.

UNBEATABLE.

GERMAN'S OPINION OF TILDEN.

VISIT TO BERLIN.

Berlin, May 5. Enormous interest is being taken in the visit of W. T. Tilden and William Hunter (the American tennis stars).

Seats for the tournament beginning to-morrow have been sold at £20.

The opinion of Najouck, the German professional champion is that they are unbeatable. He says Tilden's cannon-ball service is something not previously encountered by German.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL.

Two More League Matches in Mid-Week.

The Home football season proper concludes with to-morrow's fixtures.

London, May 5. League football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

Division I:—Sheffield United 2, Bury 0.

Div. III (South):—Queen's Park Rangers 1, Brentford 1.—Reuter.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ANNUAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY'S EVENTS.

Keen competition was shown yesterday when the first day's events (including the preliminary heats) of the Royal Artillery annual athletic sports meeting were held at the ground of the United Services Recreation Club in Kowloon.

Finals will be decided to-day.

Points are awarded to the four units (12th Battery, 23rd Battery, 38th Battery, Headquarters and District Establishment), the winning unit to receive an award.

The local R.A. officers are presenting a cup to the competitor adjudged to have done the best at the meeting.

In the Indian events (Hong Kong Singapore Brigade, R.A.) the Pack Battery and the 5th Battery entered the final.

Gunner Taylor (12th Battery) had to be removed on a stretcher after competing against the 23rd Battery in the tug-of-war.

Results.

Putting the Shot.—1. Gunner Cotton (38th), 30 ft. 3½ inches; 2. Lance-Bombardier Hall (12th), 29 ft. 10 in.; 3. Gunner Phillipotts (38th), 29 feet.

High Jump.—1. Gunner Bellerby (23rd), 5 ft. 5 in.; 2. Lance-Bombardier Hall (12th), 5 ft. 3 in.; 3. Sergt. Leach (38th), 5 ft. 3 in. (Note: Second place was secured in a "jump off.")

220 Yards.—1. Gunner Phillipotts (38th); 2. Lance-Bombardier Rogers (H.Q. and D.E.); 3. Gunner Sharland (H.Q. and D.E.). Time: 25.4-5 secs.

Long Jump.—1. Lance-Bombardier Davey (38th), 17 ft. 7½ in.; 2. Lance-Bombardier Smith (12th), 17 ft. 7 in.; 3. Sergt. Leach (38th), 16 ft. 10½ in.

¼ Mile.—1. Gunner Bowden; 2. Gunner Doe; 3. Lance-Bombardier Davey (all of 38th Battery). Time: 58.2-5 secs.

Boat Race.—1. 23rd Battery (Gunner Pascoe's team); 2. 38th Battery (Gunner Murphy's team); 3. 12th Battery (Sergeant Cook's team). (Five teams completed.)

R.A. Mile.—1. Gunner Newman (H.Q. and D.E.); 5 mins. 7 secs.; 2. Gunner Goodridge (H.Q. and D.E.); 5 mins. 11 secs.; 3. Capt. Howard (H.Q. and D.E.); 5 mins. 19 secs.

Heats.

100 Yards.—Gunner Phillipotts (38th), Lance-Bombardier Davey (38th), Gunner Maddox (12th), Lance-Bombardier Rogers (H.Q. and D.E.), Gunner Sharland (H.Q. and D.E.) and Sergt. Glazebrook (23rd).

Tug-of-War (R.A. Shield) 130 stone; 23rd Battery beat 12th Battery by two pulls to one and meet 38th Battery in final.

Tug-of-War 110 stone; 38th Battery beat 23rd Battery by two pulls to one and meet 12th Battery in the final.

The open doubles final (H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn v. T. Honda and H. Akiyama) is down for Monday.

BOXING.

V.R.C. AMATEUR NOVICES' TOURNEY.

SECOND NIGHT'S BOUTS.

Better boxing was seen at the V.R.C. last evening when the second round and semi-finals in Amateur Novices' Tournament were decided.

There were thirty-one bouts on the programme, which had to be divided into two sessions. There were three walk-overs and one knock-out in the first session, while in the second session three competitors scratched and two were disposed of by the knock-out.

Competitors from St. Joseph's College who did not figure on the programme, which had to be therefore still eligible, entered the ring last night and generally gave a good account of themselves.

The finals will be decided on Saturday commencing at 9 p.m. when there will also be a special 10 round bout.

Last night's results were:—

1ST SESSION.

Boys' Bantamweights. L. Crossman lost to R. Fernandez on points.

R. Maycock lost to M. Woo on points.

W. Fitz Earle lost to Wong Sik-hon on points.

Boys' Heavyweights. N. E. Mackay beat L. Remedios on points.

Wong Shiu-man retired in the first round of his bout against P. R. Xavier.

Leung Pak-chuen lost to S. Christie on points.

V. Fernandez beat D. Monaghan. The referee stopped the fight in the second round.

Men's Bantamweights. Rifleman Lewis (1st/Cameronians) 119 lbs. received a walk-over from Boy Whaly (H.M.S. "Dragon") 115½ lbs.

Pte. Stevens (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 120 lbs. received a walk-over from Corp. Connel (1st/Cameronians) 119 lbs.

A.B. Kirkhead (H.M.S. "Frobisher") 120 lbs. beat Pte. McConnell (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 114 lbs. on points.

Men's Lightweights. Stoker Evans (H.M.S. "Dragon") 133½ lbs. was knocked out by L/Cpl. Dewbury (1st/Cameronians) 135 lbs. in the first round.

Boy Crowe (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 136½ lbs. lost to Ordinary Seaman Wright (H.M.S. "Dragon") 129½ lbs. on points.

A.B. Leeland (H.M.S. "Aphis") 137 lbs. gave a walk-over to Pte. Hume (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 132½ lbs. on points.

Men's Welterweights. Pte. Spalding (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 146½ lbs. beat A.B. Neicho (H.M.S. "Dragon") 140 lbs. on points.

Pte. Carney (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 148 lbs. beat Drummer Scott (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 139½ lbs. on points.

2ND SESSION.

Boys' Bantamweights. G. Woodier lost to R. Fernandez on points.

M. Woo lost to Wong Sik-hon on points.

Boys' Lightweights. C. Rocha beat F. Dunnett on points.

F. Anslow beat P. Stephens on points.

Boys' Middleweights. J. Dillon gave a walk-over to H. Jolly.

C. Giron received a walk-over from G. Willis.

Boys' Heavyweights. N. E. Mackay beat P. R. Xavier on points.

S. Christie retired at end of first round of his bout against V. Fernandez.

Men's Bantamweights. A.B. Rowlands (H.M.S. "Frobisher") 118 lbs. beat Rifleman Lewis (1st/Cameronians) 119 lbs. on points.

Pte. Stevens (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 120 lbs. lost to A.B. Kirkhead (H.M.S. "Frobisher") 120 lbs. on points.

Men's Lightweights. Stoker Speight (H.M.S. "Dragon") 135 lbs. gave a walk-over to L/Cpl. Dewbury (1st/Cameronians) 135 lbs.

Ordinary Seaman Wright (H.M.S. "Dragon") 129½ lbs. was knocked out by Pte. Hume (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 132½ lbs. in the second round.

Men's Welterweights. A.B. Green (H.M.S. "Frobisher") 144 lbs. beat Pte. Soalding (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 146½ lbs. on points.

Pte. Carney (2nd/K.O.S.B.) 148 lbs. beat Ordinary Seaman Gentle (H.M.S. "Dragon") 138 lbs. on points.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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Mercantile Bank, A. & B. do.	£30 x. d. a	£32 n	£30
P. & O. Bank	£13½ n	£13½ n	£13½ n
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MUSIC * DRAMA * FILMS.

BEETHOVEN.

NEW BOOK ON THE REAL
MAN.

BOOR AND SLOVEN.

Mr. Harvey Grace's "Beethoven" ("Masters of Music" series, Kegan Paul, 7s. 6d.) is a capital piece of work, by far the best of its series (some of which have been disappointing and dull), and more a book that counts among the best recent English musical literature.

The life is as unconventional and vigorous as Mr. Wallace's "Wagner," without the latter's bitterness. And this time there is something about the music as well as the life.

Mr. Harvey Grace's common sense stands out sturdily against the idealising and sanctification of Beethoven. He brushes aside sentimentality at each step; he insists on looking and hearing for himself. So we get Beethoven, "warts and all."

Beethoven was a boor and a sloven. He was ungrateful to benefactors, crooked in financial matters. And for all that—what a man! Truth is more interesting than any sentimental fancy, and the man as we get him in this very honest attempt to attain the truth—extenuating nothing, setting nothing down in malice—leaves us more impressed, more uplifted, than by any fanciful demigod.

Musical "Puns."

Something in the bluntness of Mr. Harvey Grace's pen just suits his subject. He and Beethoven if they had met would have assuredly quarrelled vigorously, but they would have understood each other. His biography is, of course, based on Thayer. Part II, "Beethoven's Personality," grapples with the

BRITISH FILMS.

AUSTRALIA READY TO
ASSIST.

AWAITING A MOVE.

The Commonwealth film censors state in their annual report that imported films, which are mainly American, show no general improvement. Broadly speaking, the cinema is now less immoral than vulgar.

Australia is awaiting legislation in Great Britain to ensure a regular supply of films from the Mother country and will then make a Government investigation of the conditions affecting the marketing and exhibition of pictures here with a view to aiding British interests. Meanwhile, it is thought that British companies should combine to open an agency in Australia.

"It is useless making a half-hearted effort," says the report. "If they (British producers) continue to sell their best products to foreign countries while expecting to get hold of the Australian market with what remains, they are mightily mistaken. Moreover, they are neglecting the very handsome profits they could secure if they supply their own products direct to this country themselves."

WELLS NOVEL FILMED.

MUCH-ALTERED PLOT OF
"MARRIAGE."

The American producers of the film version of Mr. H. G. Wells's novel "Marriage," shown privately at the Capitol, Haymarket, London, have played some strange tricks with the original story. In the novel, Trafford, the



Mellie Dunham, who was projected into the limelight when his ability as a fiddler was discovered by Henry Ford, fishing for pickersel through the ice with "Gram" as his companion.

problem of the relation of the man and the artist.

The section on the music does not pretend to cover the whole ground. There are excellent pages here on Beethoven's humour, on his characteristic enigmatic ambiguities (often the musical equivalent of a pun, as Mr. Grace points out), and, best of all, on Beethoven's fugues.

But round about page 217 the author is tempted to fall into the disparagement of the 18th century for Beethoven's greater glory. "Clavichord" on page 223 is a mistake for harpsichord. And in his scorn for the second symphony he surely overdoes bluntness. Even if the charming slow movement leaves him cold (and he is generally left rather cold by Beethoven's slow movements, "all but a few of the finest"), how can he resist the exaltation of the scherzo and finale? He cannot have been at the Beecham performances last winter.

\$50,000 FOR A RAPHAEL.

It has been disclosed that Mr. Jacob Epstein, who last month surprised art circles by his acquisition of Van Dyck's "Rinaldo and Armida," has as the result of secret negotiations, purchased for \$50,000 the portrait of Emilia Pia de Montefeltro, painted by Raphael in the early part of the 16th century and classed as one of the Florentine's finest works.

The picture was discovered last summer by Dr. Gronau, a former director of Cassel Gallery, Germany,

idealistic chemist, persuades his wife, Marjorie, to leave their children and civilisation and live for a year in Labrador to "find God." The most thrilling adventure of their life there is Trafford's fight with a lynx, in which he is badly mauled by the animal.

The film producers have boggled at the Wellsian subtleties and excursions into Socialism and have attempted a safer and more conventional plot. Trafford leaves home after a quarrel with his wife about a costly necklace paid for by an admirer. He goes alone, not to the chilly spaciousness of Labrador, but to the heat and the wild beasts of the African jungle. His wife follows him and she is chased by a lion!

Trafford comes to the rescue just in time and there is a hair-raising encounter with the lion. The scene is so realistic that the audience, largely composed of women, shuddered. Another big thrill which occurs in the novel is an aeroplane crash.

in a decayed house in Vienna. It was taken to Zurich and thence to Paris and finally shipped to New York. Its authenticity is vouched for not only by Dr. Gronau but also by Mr. Bernard Berenson, the art critic.

Mr. Epstein, who went to New York as a penniless emigrant boy, has placed the picture in his palatial Baltimore home.

MUSIC CRISIS.

QUEEN'S HALL CONCERTS
IN DANGER.

A MILLIONAIRE WANTED.

A catastrophe threatens the Queen's Hall symphony concerts and the "Promenade" season.

Messrs. Chappell and Co., lessees of the famous hall and managers of Sir Henry Wood's orchestra, have informed Sir Henry that they intend discontinuing the New Queen's Hall Promenade concerts at the end of the present series. The last symphony concert was on March 19.

Sir Henry Wood's Saturday afternoon symphony concerts have for a generation been one of the principal instruments of good music in London. And Sir Henry's autumn promenade concerts are unique in the world. Given annually from August to October for the past 32 years, they, probably more than any other movement, have played a part in the cultivation of British musical taste.

Private Help.

But measures are, the "Daily Mail" understands, to be taken by private support to ensure that the 1927 series of promenade concerts shall be given. If a scheme of private endowment cannot be arranged to ensure a series of concerts in 1928 an approach will be made to the Government by representative music-lovers and musicians for State aid. This appeal will not be on behalf of the Queen's Hall Orchestra alone. It will be made on behalf of all the great British orchestras which, for years have been living from hand to mouth.

It is estimated that a series of promenade concerts requires an annual expenditure of about £22,000, on the basis of a payment of £250 for the services of the orchestra and £50 a performance for hall rent.

Sir Henry Wood, while admitting only a limited knowledge of Queen's Hall finances, suggested that the annual average loss, was about £3,000 for the past 20 years—including the promenade concerts, the Saturday symphony concerts, and the now abandoned Sunday orchestral concerts.

Four months ago Mr. William Boosey, the head of Messrs. Chappell, forecast the present crisis and stated that his firm suffered losses on the Queen's Hall ventures. It had, however, been officially announced that the 1926 Promenade Concerts had done uncommonly well and that a circular in the programme on the last night said, "We should need to look back over several years to find such an excellent record."

Sir H. Wood's View.

Sir Henry Wood said to a "Daily Mail" reporter:

"It is utterly unthinkable that the Promenade Concerts should be brought to an end, but I cannot complain of the action which has been taken by Messrs. Chappell, who, after all, are a business firm, and have acted extremely generously in this matter throughout. But I cannot imagine the Queen's Hall Orchestra being broken up and its 90 members dispersed.

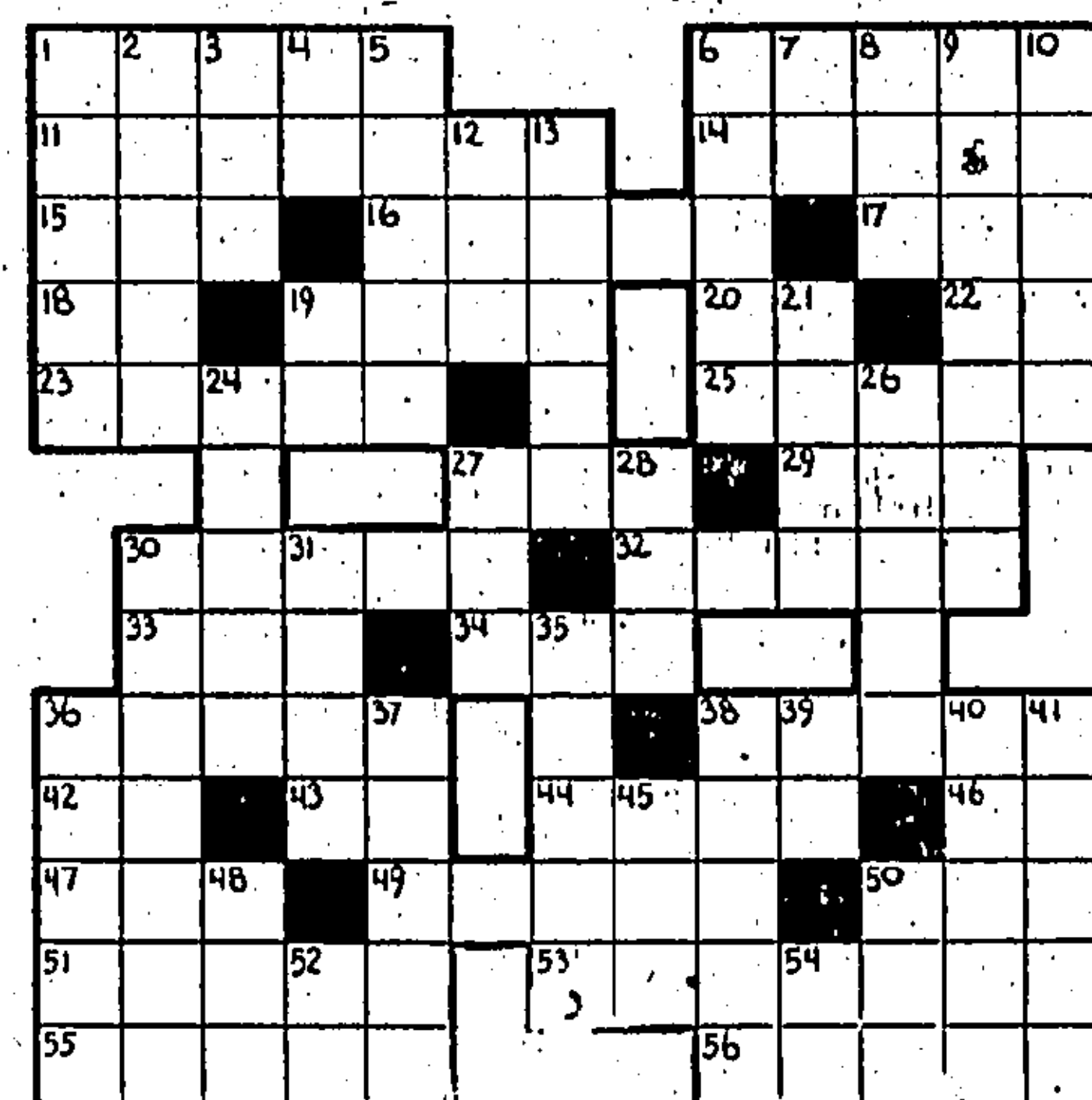
"If there is one thing to be thankful for, it is that, at least, Messrs. Chappell's decision has brought the position of British orchestral performances to a head, and if we do not act boldly now our Continental and American friends will look at us aghast. The situation, really, provides us with a golden opportunity for reform. But I am determined that the reform shall be on a proper artistic basis or I will have nothing more to do with concerts of the kind. It is now up to the public."

Dr. J. B. McEwen, principal of the Royal Academy of Music, said: "The seriousness of the situation cannot be exaggerated, because the disappearance of the Queen's Hall Orchestra would be a national artistic calamity. By some means the Promenade Concerts must be continued this year while more definite arrangements are being made for the future."

The Promenade Concerts were instituted in 1895 and have been continued yearly. There is hardly a composer, conductor, singer, or instrumental performer of eminence, of any nationality, who has not performed at the Queen's Hall in that time.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



THE CHINA MAIL SYNDICATE

HORIZONTAL

- 1-A stroke in billiards
- 6-Away; out
- 11-A fabulous animal
- 14-A cavern (post)
- 16-Puffed up; pompous
- 17-To perch upon
- 18-The flow of the waves
- 19-Indignant
- 20-Exist
- 22-Within
- 23-Started
- 25-Blood-sucking worm
- 27-Possessed
- 29-L shaped pipe
- 30-Offense against social order
- 32-A valuable tropical fiber
- 33-In the past
- 34-Sharp blow
- 38-Clues
- 39-Noley blows
- 42-Prefix. Form of "ad"
- 43-Interjection

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-A coronet (poet)
- 45-Each (abbr.)
- 47-A container
- 49-To cook in an oven
- 50-An insect
- 51-Part of stomach of ox used as food
- 53-Breeding place of seabirds
- 55-Insulated
- 56-Saltwater

VERTICAL

- 1-A medicinal berry
- 2-The unseeded plant
- 3-Style of dress (colloq.)
- 4-Ocean (abbr.)
- 5-Facile-minded person
- 6-Deadly
- 7-Upon
- 8-Rights (abbr.)
- 9-A strip from sugar
- 10-An evergreen shrub
- 12-To pluck wool by hand (Scott.)
- 13-Opera by Bellini
- 15-Papa

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-To encounter
- 24-To glut
- 26-Girl's name
- 27-Possessive pronoun
- 28-Inclination
- 30-Calcining-ovens (glass-making)
- 31-N. Central State of U. S.
- 35-Oil of rose-leaves
- 36-Familiar plant (Western U. S.)
- 37-A fragment
- 38-Rod used for beating time
- 39-Country of Asia (abbr.)
- 40-Painting illustrative of common life
- 41-A woodland deity
- 42-Combining form. Equal
- 43-Nothing
- 46-Aged (Latin-abbr.)
- 52-One of the churches (abbr.)
- 54-Two books of Bible (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words standing at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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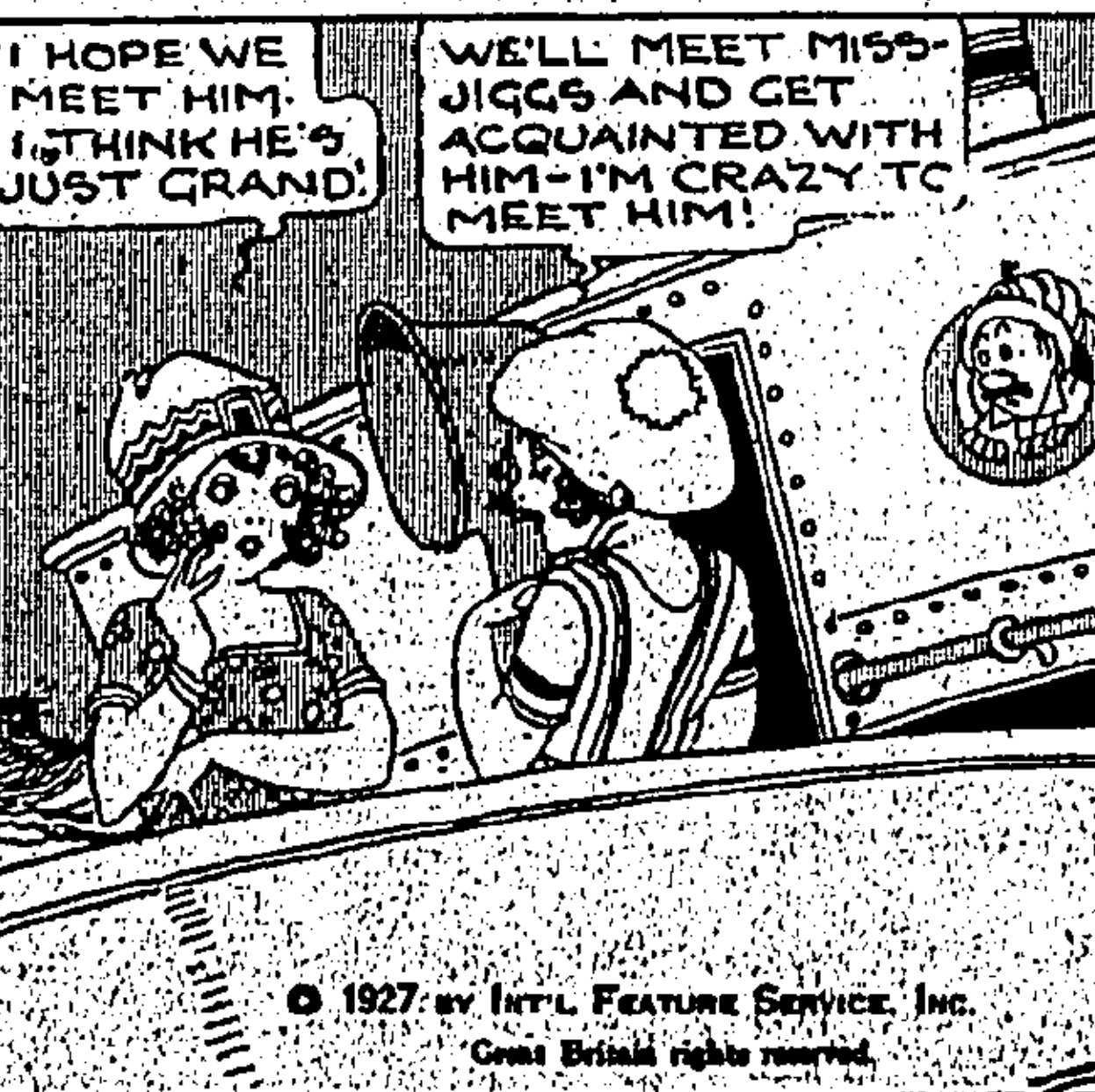
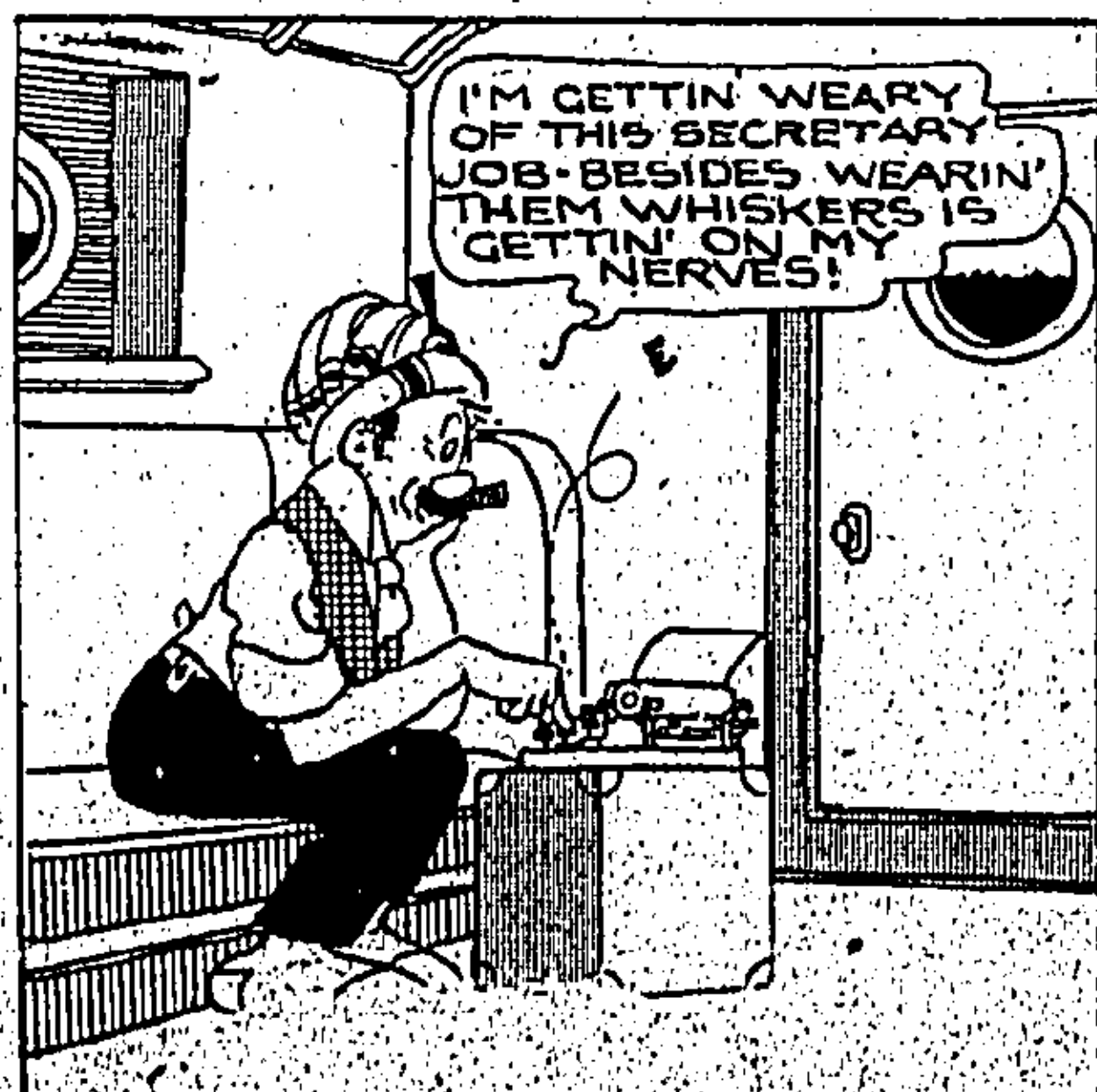
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ETON BOY'S NOSE.

SEIZED BY MASTER'S BOA
CONSTRUCTOR.

LEMUR IN TUCK SHOP.

Live snakes and monkeys were once a feature of life at Eton College. They were the pets of Mr. M. D. Hill, the biology master, who is retiring this half to go in for farming after 30 years at the college.

Before going to Eton Mr. Hill, who is 54, was assistant lecturer in zoology at Owen's College, Manchester.

Some of Mr. Hill's animals at Eton, such as the monkeys, snakes, mongooses, and lemurs, lived loose in his garden. A boa constrictor became quite a favourite with the boys, who used to wind it round their bodies and necks and take it for walks.

During one such demonstration the snake was twined around the neck of a woman visitor and afterwards Mr. Hill handed it to one of the boys to return it to its cage. By this time the snake was probably tired of exhibition, and fixed its teeth in the nose of the young Etonian. There was a sudden howl, but Mr. Hill released the boy's nose by pressing the reptile's mouth with his fingers. Some minor puncture wounds were the only damage.

On another occasion a lemur was missed and was subsequently discovered drinking lemonade in one of the Eton College tuck-shops. A bunch of bananas lured it back.

Another time a galago made its escape and lived for a while on the roof of the College houses, defying recapture. Ultimately it was found eating marmalade at 3 a.m. in a boy's cupboard and was captured.

Mr. R. H. De Montmorency, another assistant master at Eton, is also retiring this half. He is a language specialist and a zelling expert.

LADY ASTOR'S "TIPS."

In opposing a Bill to legalise betting introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Dixey (C. Penrith), Lady Astor (C. Plymouth), asked members to "take no notice of the so-called sportsmen of the country who are up against the moral conscience of the great mass of the people."

"Have you ever given a tip?" asked Sir H. Page Croft (C. Bournemouth), and members with the recollection of a certain statement by Lady Astor before last year's Derby roared with laughter.

Lady Astor reddened. "It is not a thing to be funny about," she retorted curtly.

Leave to introduce the Bill was refused by 143 to 44.

RUSSIAN BOOTS.

HOUSE HUSBAND WHO
STABBED HIS WIFE.

A husband's dislike of Russian boots led to his appearance at Nuneaton charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm upon his wife, Mary Roberts, by stabbing her with a penknife.

Mrs. Roberts said she was walking with her husband, James Roberts, 24, of Foleshill, wearing for the first time a new pair of Russian boots. After telling her husband that he would have to pay for them, she picked up her foot for him to examine the boots, when she felt something slashed at her legs.

She attempted to run away, but her husband ran after her and she felt something in her back. Her husband had stabbed her with a penknife.

She screamed, and Roberts, who begged not to be given in charge, took her home.

Roberts said he told his wife to get a pair of boots she could wear every day, and not Russian boots. When he saw the boots he attempted to slash them up, and remembered nothing afterwards.

He was fined £5.

BOY SINGS AFTER RESCUE.

Although whirled by the fast flowing water for 120 yards in Tiverton (Devon) boy, aged 5, when recovered from a factory leak, sang, and said he would not mind going through it again.

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The Chinese who was arrested at the Stag Hotel on the information of a local Chinese reporter to whom he was alleged to have boasted that he had an unlimited supply of forged Hong Kong and French bank notes, was yesterday afternoon committed to the Criminal Sessions by Mr. R. E. Lindsell. When arrested the man was asserted to have had a false \$500 note of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in his possession. This the reporter alleged accused produced from one of his socks during negotiation at the hotel.

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| 7th April                                  |             | Preussen.          |
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| For                                                                                                                                                       | FRIDAY, MAY | Per                     |
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| Bangkok                                                                                                                                                   |             | Havdrot 3.30 p.m.       |
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| San Shui & Wuchow                                                                                                                                         |             | Chong On 4 p.m.         |
| Shanghai & Europe via Siberia                                                                                                                             |             | Sinkiang 5 p.m.         |
| Port Bayard                                                                                                                                               |             | Chung Hing 5 p.m.       |
| SATURDAY, MAY                                                                                                                                             |             | 7                       |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 5th June. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.        |             | Atsuta Maru. 10.30 a.m. |
| Manila                                                                                                                                                    |             | Eumaeus Noon            |
| Swatow, Amoy & Foochow                                                                                                                                    |             | Hanching 5 p.m.         |
| Swatow                                                                                                                                                    |             | Hangsang 5 p.m.         |
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| SUNDAY, MAY                                                                                                                                               |             | 8                       |
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| Swatow, Amoy & Formosa                                                                                                                                    |             | Hozan Maru 9 a.m.       |
| MONDAY, MAY                                                                                                                                               |             | 9                       |
| Shanghai & Europe via Siberia                                                                                                                             |             | Nanning 10.30 a.m.      |
| Sandakan                                                                                                                                                  |             | Mausang 1.30 p.m.       |
| Manila                                                                                                                                                    |             | Pres. Garfield 5 p.m.   |
| Swatow                                                                                                                                                    |             | Liangchow 5 p.m.        |
| TUESDAY, MAY                                                                                                                                              |             | 10                      |
| Swatow, Amoy & Foochow                                                                                                                                    |             | Hai Ning 1 p.m.         |
| Straits                                                                                                                                                   |             | Yuensang 1.30 p.m.      |
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| Swatow                                                                                                                                                    |             | Mingsang 5 p.m.         |
| WEDNESDAY, MAY                                                                                                                                            |             | 11                      |
| Amoy                                                                                                                                                      |             | Fooksang 5 p.m.         |
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### TRADES UNIONS.

Home Bill Passes Second Reading.

#### RIGHTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

London, May 5. The last day's debate on the Trade Unions Bill in the House of Commons was opened by Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, who criticised the ambiguities in the Bill and opposed it on the grounds that it was unwise and inexpedient at present. He accused the Govern-



Mr. David Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, who criticised the Trade Unions Bill.

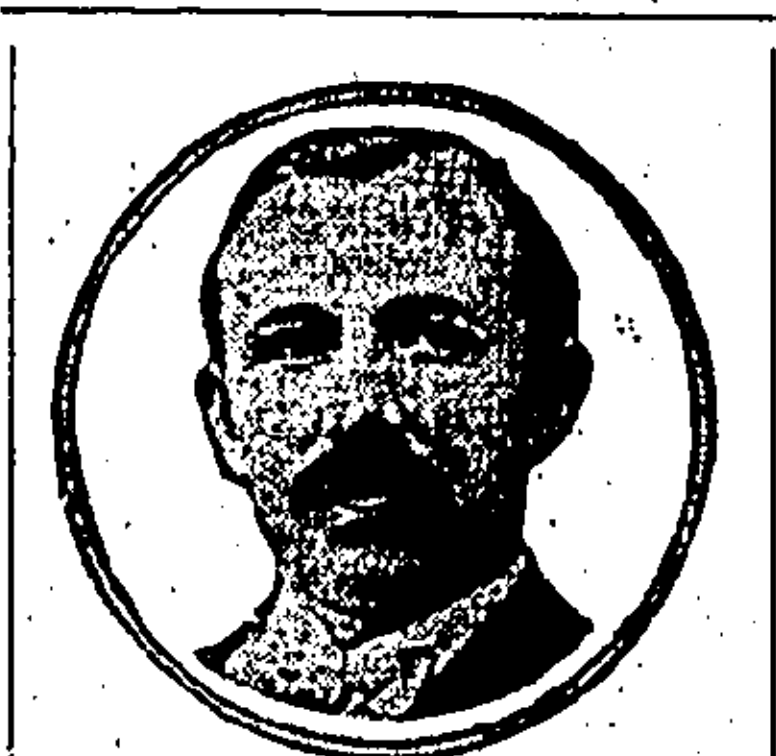
ment of throwing discord into industry when trade was beginning to recover.—Reuter.

"A Fool's Paradise." The debate for the Opposition side was wound up by Mr. J. H. Thomas (Labour) whose vigorous attack on the Bill pleased the Labour members.

Mr. Thomas accused the Government of using its majority to try to cripple the workers' only bargaining power.

The Labour Party he said would fight the Bill because it showed a class bias. If the Ministerialists believed the Bill would deter men striking they were living in a fool's paradise.

Labour stood four square against the Bill, and the agitation would continue if the Bill were passed. Sir Thomas Inskip, Solicitor General, replying for the Govern-



Mr. J. H. Thomas who led the attack for Labour yesterday against the Trade Unions Bill.

ment, said the single question which emerged was whether the interests of the trade unions or the interests of the community were greater. No community could long survive which suffered a stronger power than itself within its borders.

Sir Thomas Inskip emphasised that the Bill was drawn so that there must be no doubt about the legality of the ordinary industrial strike.

The closure was carried by 388 to 165 votes, after which Mr. J. R. Clynes's motion for rejection was defeated by 386 to 171 votes and the Bill passed its second reading. The Liberal vote was split in the final stages, seven Liberals voting with the Government. The Conservatives and Labourites voted on strictly Party lines. The final stages were quite tranquil.—Reuter.

#### Norwegian Legislation.

Oslo, May 5.

Like their British confreres the Norwegian Labourites are inflamed against governmental labour legislation in the shape of a Bill for compulsory arbitration of labour disputes which passed the Lower House after very stormy scenes, the Labourites walking out during the debate in mass.

A demonstration of Trade Unions was held outside the parliament building. The Labourite motion for rejection of the bill was lost by 27 to 88. The Bill was yesterday adopted by the Upper House and receives Royal assent to-day.

The Communists are particularly bitter, advocating a general strike as a protest.—Reuter.

### INDIAN RIOTS.

Fatal Brawl at Famous Temple.

#### FLAG HOISTING DISPUTE.

Bombay, May 5. The "Evening News of India" reports a serious fracas at the famous Kesurinath Temple, Rikhabdec, Udaipur, between sects of Jains regarding the right to perform the flag hoisting ceremony at the Temple. Five Jains have been killed and 160 injured.—Reuter.

#### Escorts For Funerals.

Lahore, May 5. Casualties in the fighting mentioned last night are fourteen dead and 100 wounded. Half the latter are Hindus and the others are Sikhs and Moslems.

The funeral parties of the killed were limited to a hundred each and were accompanied by armed escorts.

There has been no further rioting, but six armoured cars have been stationed at the police station to meet any emergency. Armed military pickets have been posted at the city gates.

Business is at a standstill.—Reuter.

#### Taking No Chances.

Delhi, May 5. The authorities fearing a repercussion of the riots have taken the precaution of posting mounted police at the various danger points. Meanwhile all is quiet.—Reuter.

Yesterday's cables stated:—Serious rioting followed on the death of three Muslims in a brawl near Dabibazar. A Muslim crowd paraded the principal

street in Anarkali, shouting Allan O Akbar and persuading their co-religionists to observe a hartal. Subsequently thousands accompanied the funeral procession. On returning therefrom the disturbances broke out.]

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